

Consent Form

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Project:

Development of a “core set” of outcome measures for spasticity trials and clinical practice

Phase 2 and Phase 4: Modified Delphi Survey

Groups 1-3: Academic experts, Clinical experts and Industry representatives

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1. I consent to participate in this project, the details of which have been explained to me, and I have been provided with a written plain language statement to keep.
2. I understand that the purpose of this research is to develop an international consensus-based set of outcome measures to be used for the evaluation of spasticity treatment in both research trials and clinical practice.
3. I understand that my participation in this project is for research purposes only.
4. I acknowledge that the possible effects of participating in this research project have been explained to my satisfaction.
5. In this project I will be required to complete two Modified Delphi processes, each comprising of 2-3 online surveys. Each survey should take no more than 20-30 minutes to complete. There will be approximately 4-6 weeks' timeframe between each survey round, with a longer break in between the first and second Modified Delphi Process. A reminder will be sent two weeks after each survey has been sent. At the completion of the surveys, I understand I may be invited to take part in a final consensus meeting via Zoom. I understand that the Zoom meeting will be audio recorded and transcribed into text using the Zoom audio transcription function. The transcripts will be independently reviewed by two members of the research team to ensure accuracy. Only the research team will have access to the password protected

transcripts, and participants will be provided with a participant number and de-identified within the transcripts in order to maximise privacy.

6. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw from this project anytime without explanation or prejudice. I understand that if I withdraw from the study my processed data up to the point of withdrawal may have already been used in the analysis. I will be able to request the withdrawal of any unprocessed data.
7. I understand that the data from this research will be stored at the University of Melbourne and will be destroyed 5 years after publication.
8. I have been informed that the confidentiality of the information I provide will be safeguarded subject to any legal requirements; my data will be password protected and accessible only by the named researchers.
9. I understand that I will be required to check the following boxes electronically prior to completing the first survey to provide informed consent, and that this consent will apply for the remaining survey rounds:
 - I confirm that I have read the plain language statement dated 21/03/2025 (version 2) for the current study. I have had the opportunity to consider the information, ask questions and have had these answered satisfactorily ☐
 - I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving any reason, without my medical care or legal rights being affected ☐
 - I understand that all data will be confidential and securely stored. I understand that if I withdraw from the study my processed data up to the point of withdrawal may have already been used in the analysis. I will be able to request the withdrawal of any unprocessed data. ☐
 - I agree to take part in the study ☐