



Participant Information Sheet

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| Study title: | Risk communication in asthma – how do we perceive risk of asthma attacks? | | |
| Locality: | Auckland | Ethics committee ref.: | AH25896 |
| Lead investigator: | Dr Amy Chan | Contact phone number: | 09 373 7599 ext 85524 |

You are invited to take part in a study which aims to investigate how people perceive risk of asthma attacks. Asthma is one of the most common lung conditions in New Zealand and worldwide, and asthma attacks can lead to loss of life and time in hospital. Yet many people underestimate how serious asthma attacks can be.

One way of improving asthma care is to find out how we can best communicate the risk of asthma attacks. To do this, we want to find out from you what your opinions are of different ways we can present the risk of asthma attacks, and how different ways of presenting risk can affect understanding and recall of information. We will do this by conducting an anonymous online survey of the general public, including people who do not have asthma.

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary. If you agree to take part in this study, please press next to continue the anonymous online survey. The next button is located at the bottom right of the first page of the online survey, after this information section.

What is the purpose of the study?

This study aims to find out how we can best communicate the risk of asthma attacks. We will do this by conducting an anonymous online survey of up to 200 people with and without asthma to find out how different ways of presenting risk can affect a person's understanding of risk, their preference and satisfaction on different presentations of risk and their future actions.

This participant information sheet relates to this survey. Understanding your views will inform future asthma information and how we communicate risk in healthcare.

What will my participation in the study involve?

You have been invited to participate as you have indicated interest in taking part in this survey, after seeing an advertisement flyer or post on social media, or through word of mouth. If you choose to participate, you will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey that should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. In the survey, you will be presented with some information about asthma attacks. After seeing this information, you will be asked some questions about your

understanding of the information, your preference and satisfaction with the risk presented, and how it has affected your views about asthma attacks and any future actions that you may take. Submission of the questionnaire will be taken as consent to participating in the research.

Your data will be analysed in aggregate with the data of other participants so we won't be able to personally identify your response. The information will be summarised in a written report. All contributions will be anonymous and none of the material in the results will personally identify you.

The data we collect will be stored for a period of 6 years. The study data may be used to inform other studies where relevant, for example design of a similar survey or future asthma care.

You may change your mind and decide to withdraw from the study before, or during the survey. You do not need to give a reason for withdrawing. If you have completed the survey then we will not be able to withdraw your response as your response will be anonymous.

All participants who take part will be offered a summary of the results when the study is completed if they wish. Participants will be entered into a prize draw for 5 x \$50 Giftpay vouchers should they wish. If you wish to receive a summary of the findings or be entered into the prize draw, you will be redirected to a separate link to provide your email address and contact details so we can keep your survey response and contact details separate to ensure anonymity.

Who do I contact for more information or if I have concerns?

If you have any questions, concerns or complaints about the study at any stage, you can contact:

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If you wish to access cultural support, please contact the lead researcher at the above address, who can arrange a kōrero with the School of Pharmacy Pou Tāwhiri Rangahau (Hauora) , Mariana Hudson.

For concerns of an ethical nature, you can contact the Chair of the Auckland Health Research Ethics Committee at ahrec@auckland.ac.nz or at 373 7599 ext 83711, or at Auckland Health Research Ethics Committee, The University of Auckland, Private Bag 92019, Auckland 1142.

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Thank you for reading this and considering participating.