

Hip Fracture Person/Family Member Invitation: Letter of Information

Virtual Voices: Co-designing rehabilitative care together with persons and families
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Invitation to Participate in Person/Family Member Hip Fracture Survey

Hello,

My name is Kim Young and I am an Advisor, planning with the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant (HNHB) Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). As part of my role, I am the Rehabilitative Care Alliance (RCA) lead for the HNHB LHIN. I am a member of the provincial RCA hip fracture subject matter expert group as well as the patient and family focus group. I am also a member of provincial RCA capacity planning advisory committee and task group. I am a regulated health professional as a registered occupational therapist with the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario.

I am also a student of Trent University in the Masters of Arts Sustainability Studies Program. I am conducting research to inform the completion of a Master's thesis. My academic supervisor is Dr. Kirsten Woodend. This research project has been endorsed by the Rehabilitative Care Alliance.

I am doing a research study in the form of a survey about the rehabilitative care needs of people who have had a hip fracture. You are receiving this message because you have had a hip fracture or you have a family member who has had a hip fracture.

Rehabilitation is provided by health professionals with special training such as physiatrists (rehab doctors), occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech and language pathologists and others. Services may be provided in persons' homes, in a community setting or in hospitals (on an inpatient or outpatient basis).

The purpose of the survey is to help health service providers and planners to better understand the needs of people who have had a hip fracture. As a researcher, I want to know what kind of rehabilitative care people need after hip fracture. I also want to know about people's preferences for rehabilitative care locations and team members following a hip fracture. This survey will provide an opportunity to provide your input related to your rehabilitative care needs after your hip fracture or the rehabilitative care needs of your family member after their hip fracture.

I am seeking interested persons and family members, including members of existing patient and caregiver advisory groups, to participate in a time-limited Hip Fracture Survey. Please consider participating and/or sharing with people who have had a hip fracture and their families.

Why participate as a Person/Family Member in the Hip Fracture Survey?

As an individual who is receiving or who has received rehabilitative care services, or as a family member who provides care for someone who has used rehabilitative care services, you have an opportunity to help identify and describe the needs of individuals who have had a hip fracture in Ontario.

Do I need to have had a hip fracture to participate?

While we welcome and need input from those who have had a hip fracture first hand, we also need family members who have experience with a person who has fractured their hip and required rehabilitative care services. Your voice is very important to this work! We are seeking either your participation, or your help in recruiting others who would be interested in participating.

What will the time commitment be?

The survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

Where will the survey take place?

You will require access to a computer and you will complete the survey on line from a location in your home/community where you can access a computer with internet access.

What about my privacy?

The survey is anonymous; that is, your name is not recorded on the survey. If you decide to take the survey, you can stop at any time by closing your web browser, and your information will not be kept. You may also choose not to answer any question.

How do I participate?

If you decide to participate in the study, you will complete an online survey. You can participate at any time utilizing this link: https://trentu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_erGtbLsn2YSKTPv.

Who do I contact for more information?

If you have further questions prior to participating in the survey, you can contact Kim Young kimberlyyoung@trentu.ca.

Thank you for consideration regarding sharing your voice related to the rehabilitative care needs of individuals following a hip fracture.