Hip Fracture Person/Family Member Needs

Information and Consent

Virtual Voices: Co-designing rehabilitative care together with persons and families

Consent Form

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Introduction

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 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. If you decide to participate in the study, you will complete an online survey. The survey will take about 30 minutes of your time. The information following will help you decide if you want to complete the survey or not. Please read carefully.

Purpose of the Research Project

The purpose of the survey is to help health service providers and planners to better understand the needs of individuals 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.

Procedures

The survey will take about 30 minutes to complete. If you do not want to answer a particular question, you can skip that question. You can stop participating at any time by closing the survey. If you click the "submit" button at the end of the survey, you will have your responses included in the data analysis and report.

Risks of Harm/Discomforts/Inconvenience

There is a small risk that answering questions about this stressful life event will cause you to feel unsettled or uncomfortable. Your participation in the survey is voluntary, you can select how to respond to questions in the survey and whether and how much information you wish to share in the open-ended questions. You can choose to end your participation and withdraw from the study at any time, without consequence.

Benefits

Participating in this study may not benefit you, but information gained may benefit others in your situation. Your ability to provide input related to the rehabilitative care needs of people following a hip fracture may benefit you as you may feel you have contributed to an increased understanding of the needs of people after a hip fracture.

Voluntary Participation

Participation in this study is voluntary. If you do decide to take part, you can stop at any time by simply closing the online survey. You may also skip any survey question(s) that you do not wish to answer. If you decide to stop participating, any data collected up to that point will be discarded. By providing data or answering the survey questions implies that informed consent has been given.

Privacy and Confidentiality

Protecting your privacy is an important part of this study. The survey is hosted on a program called Qualtrics. When you click on the link to the survey, you will not be asked to provide your name. You will be asked to give the following personal information (age, gender, where you live and whether you identify as francophone or indigenous). Your identity will not be linked to your responses. All information will be kept strictly confidential. Survey information will be stored on a password protected, portable, electronic file. When not being used by the principal investigator, this electronic file will be kept in a locked filing cabinet in the principal investigator's home office. In the final report, survey information will be summarized. Your name will not appear in any report or article published as a result of this study. At no time will any of your comments be attributed to you. The principal investigator will keep the research data for one year following the completion of the study (anticipated completion: June 2019). The final results will be available on the Rehabilitative Care Alliance (RCA) website http://rehabcarealliance.ca/ following its completion. The plan is to produce a Master's thesis from the research.

Conflict of Interest

No one conducting this study will receive any money for conducting this study. There is no financial benefit to the researchers, supervisors or participants.

Persons to Contact

This study has been reviewed and approved by the Trent University Research Ethics Board.

If you want to talk to anyone about this study because you think you have not been treated fairly or think you have been hurt by joining the study, please contact:

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