

Participant Information Statement

Project Title: Ventilator Data in Clinical Practice – a Web-based Survey

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We are inviting you to take part in our project. We are doing this project to learn about the use of Ventilator Data (downloads). We hope that it will help us to understand the use of tele-monitoring and clinical decision-making in the care of ventilated individuals. We hope around 200 participants will take part.

This project is funded by the Victoria Respiratory Support Service, Melbourne, Australia.

We would like you to take part because we are interested in your experience with ventilator data, whether extensive or not. We would like you to complete a survey, which will take about 20 minutes of your time. The survey asks about the nature of your chronic ventilation program, and use of ventilator data, if applicable.

We do not expect that there will be any direct benefit to you. However, we hope that the information we get will help us to understand best practices and the role of ventilator data in the care of chronically ventilated patients. This may help other clinicians, scientists and patients in the future. This may help influence clinical practice guidelines and establish standards of care around ventilator data and tele-monitoring in ventilated individuals.

We have been careful to make sure that the questions in the survey do not upset you. However, if you are worried about any of the questions, you do not have to answer them.

Any information we collect and use during this research project will be treated as confidential. Only the researchers involved with this project and Austin Health Ethics Committee can have access to this information.

All the information obtained will be stored securely in the Institute for Breathing and Sleep at Austin Health. The information we collect will be entirely anonymous. This means it will not include your name or any other personal details. No one, not even the research team, will be able to identify your information.

We are required to keep information collected as part of this research for at least 7 years following the last publication of the project. At the end of the project, results may be presented at conferences or published in medical journals.

Because we are not collecting names and addresses from participants, we are unable to send you the results of the project. However, you can access the results of this survey by searching for publications arising following data analysis and publication.

Participation in this project is voluntary. This means it is your choice and you do not have to take part if you do not want to. If you decide you do not want to take part, it will not affect your employment at Austin Health. If you take part, it will not be possible to withdraw any information you give us. This is because it is anonymous and we do not know who answered the questions in each survey.

You do not need to complete a consent form to take part in this project. If you begin the online survey, this implies you are giving your consent. If you have any questions, or would like further information about this project, please contact Andrea Loewen, andrea.loewen@albertahealthservices.ca. Click below to begin survey:

<https://redcap.healthinformatics.unimelb.edu.au/surveys/?s=LELCWYDXYE>

If you have any concerns and/or complaints about the project, the way it is being conducted, or your rights as a participant, and would like to speak to someone independent of the project, please contact the Complaints Contact Person, Austin Health on telephone: (03) 9496 4090

If you have any questions concerning your rights as a possible participant in this research, or research in general, please contact the Chair of the Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board, University of Calgary at (403) 220-7990

This project has been reviewed by the Austin Health Office for Research and will be carried out in line with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007) – including all updates.

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