

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Project ID: 46433

Project title: Understanding the needs of people with gout in order to develop programs aimed at providing better care

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You are invited to take part in this study. Please read this Explanatory Statement in full before deciding whether or not to participate in this research. If you would like further information regarding any aspect of this project, you are encouraged to contact the researchers via the phone numbers or email addresses listed above.

What does the research involve?

Many people with gout continue to have problems from their gout. Recent studies have shown that there is a need for better care for gout. In order to do this, there is a need to understand the needs of those with gout so that these can inform the development of new approaches to managing gout. For this reason, we are reaching out to people in the community who have gout to better understand the impact of gout on their lives and the needs and opportunities for treatment.

What is required of you?

If you are interested, we ask you to complete a short, anonymous survey that you can access by clicking on the link in the study advertisement. The survey takes less than 10 minutes.

If you have any questions you can contact us through email: jointstudy@monash.edu or phone: +61 3 9903 0553.

There is no follow up required in this study.

Possible benefits and risks

We cannot guarantee you will receive any benefits from this study. Your participation will provide important information to help us design more effective management programs for gout.

The questions we will be asking you will not contain any identifying information from you. We do not anticipate any foreseeable risks from participating in this study, apart from the inconvenience and time required of you to answer our questions.

Confidentiality and data use

No individual identifiers will be collected in the questionnaire.

All collected data will be stored for 7 years on a password-protected server at School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Monash University, accessible only to members of the research team (current and future).

Only aggregate de-identified data will be used to prepare for research paper and published in a scientific journal and/or presented at a scientific conference, which will inform the feasibility and approach of a clinical trial.

Complaints

Should you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of the project, you are welcome to contact the Executive Officer, Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (MUHREC):

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