

## ONLINE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

### The role of health decision makers (HDMs) in supporting knowledge translation of health and medical research

#### 1. What is the research study about?

You are invited to take part in this research study. The research study aims to explore the role of health decision makers (HDMs) in supporting knowledge translation in partnership with health and medical researchers. The failure to translate research into tangible policy or practice is a systemic issue for the health and medical sector.

HDMs, such as policy makers, directors or other managers, refers to those in positions that require them to prioritise and implement changes or improvements to the health system on behalf of health care workers and the population. Ensuring HDMs are integrated into the research process is important as it can support positive findings to be more readily implemented into health services, or inform when a research project should be redesigned or disinvested where implementation may be problematic or not feasible.

You have been invited because you have previously applied for a NSW health service research grant (Translational Research Grants Scheme or COVID-19 Research Funding), and your contact details were obtained from this application.

#### 2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers:

- OHMR: Dr Laura Collie
- UNSW (School of Population Health): A/Professor Anurag Sharma

#### 3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Before you decide to participate in this research study, we need to ensure that it is ok for you to take part. The research study is looking recruit people who meet the following criteria:

- Chief Investigator(s); and
- Applicant to the NSW Translational Research Grants Scheme (TRGS) OR applicant to the NSW COVID-19 Research Funding

#### 4. Do I have to take part in this research study?

Participation in any research study is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to. If you decide you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Read the information carefully (ask questions if necessary);
- Complete the online survey.

#### 5. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?

If you decide to take part in the research study, we will ask you to complete an online survey. The survey will ask you questions about partnerships between HDMs and researchers, including your experience to date, their structure, impacts of different contexts, and how they might be better supported. It should take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

If you experience discomfort while participating in the research you can stop participating at any time.

#### 6. What are the possible benefits to participation?

We hope to use information we get from this research study to benefit others who are HDMs or health and medical researchers, helping them understand how to partner more effectively and support greater knowledge translation.

#### 7. What will happen to information about me?

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Submission of the online survey is an indication of your consent. By clicking the web link to survey access you are providing your permission for the research team to collect and use information provided for the research study.

Your information will only be used for the purposes of this research study. All the information collected from you will be treated confidentially and stored in an electronic format on a UNSW password protected OneDrive. Only the researchers named on this PIS will have access to the information collected for this study. All data for use in reports and presentations will be de-identified (meaning that you/your information will not be identifiable) and findings will be reported as aggregates. Your data will be kept for seven years after completion of the research, after which it will be securely destroyed.

#### 8. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?

The research team intend to publish and/ report the results of the research. All information will be published in a way that will not identify you. If you would like to receive a copy of the results you can let the research team know by emailing Dr Laura Collie at [laura.collie@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:laura.collie@health.nsw.gov.au). We will only use these details to send you the results of the research.

#### 9. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do this by closing the survey. If you withdraw from the research, we will destroy any information that has already been collected. Once you have submitted the survey however, we will not be able to withdraw your responses as the questionnaire is anonymous.

The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). You have the right of access to personal information held about you by the University, the right to request correction and amendment of it, and the right to make a complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the PPIP Act. Further information on how the University protects personal information is available in the [UNSW Privacy Management Plan](#).

#### 10. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

##### Research Team Contact

<b>Name</b>	Laura Collie
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##### What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:

##### Complaints Contact

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