PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Investigating Clinician Researcher Career Pathways
Stage 2: Survey of Researchers

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You are invited to participate in the research project described below. This Participant Information Sheet explains the purpose of the research and how it will be conducted. Please read this information carefully and ask questions about anything that you don't understand or want to know more about.

If you agree to participate in this research project, your consent will be assumed if you submit the online survey. You have also been provided with this signed and dated copy of the Participant Information Sheet to keep.

What is the project about?

The research project aims to gain a better understanding of the training and career pathways for clinician researchers in Australia. Specifically: whether there are appropriately clear and supported career pathways available to clinician researchers in Australia; factors that cause some clinicians to leave research; factors that cause some clinicians to choose not to enter research; and major challenges and current issues for clinician researchers.

Who is undertaking the project?

This project is being conducted by ORIMA Research on behalf of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

What will I be asked to do?

If you consent to take part in this research study, it is important that you understand the purpose of the study and the task you will be asked to complete. Please make sure that you ask any questions you may have and that all your questions have been answered to your satisfaction before you agree to participate.

The research requires you to complete an online self-completion survey. The survey will ask you questions about your career pathway as a clinician or clinician researcher; topics covered include funding, career support, and work satisfaction and wellbeing. The survey is expected to take 15-20 minutes to complete.

Are there any risks associated with participating in this project?

The survey will ask you to reflect on your experiences across your career.

There is a low risk that this survey may cause psychological harm (e.g. stress, anxiety, shame or regret) amongst participants, should it cover topics which are of particular concern to them. However, it is anticipated that this risk is very low due to the nature of the topics covered. If you believe participation may induce psychological stress or harm please do not participate.

What are the benefits of the research project?

There are no direct benefits to the participants in the survey. However, indirect benefits arise as your involvement will contribute to the collection of accurate and current evidence about career pathways available to clinician researchers. This knowledge will be useful for informing any work the NHMRC may undertake in this area.

What if I change my mind?

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. Even if you agree to participate, you can withdraw from the survey prior to submitting it without discrimination or prejudice. If you withdraw from the survey, all information you have entered into the survey form will be erased.

If you are invited to join the survey by email from ORIMA Research you can withdraw prior to the start of data processing by emailing clare.gelman@orima.com or may.doan@orima.com. However, you cannot withdraw after data processing has been undertaken, as your responses will then be non-identifiable.

If you were invited to complete the survey directly by your organisation (not by email from ORIMA Research) you will not be able to withdraw responses after submitting your survey at any time, as your responses will be non-identifiable.

Will anyone else know the results of the project?

Information gathered about you will be held in strict confidence. This confidence will only be broken if required by law.

Once the survey is completed, the data collected from you will be de-identified and stored securely at ORIMA Research. The results of the study may be published by the NHMRC in aggregate form. If the results are published, your organisation will be notified.

At the end of the survey, you will be asked whether you consent to participate in further research and, if so, whether you are happy for your contact information to be provided to the NHMRC for this follow-up research.

Will I be able to find out the results of the project?

At the conclusion of the research study the aggregated results may become public. If the results are published, your organisation will be notified and asked to notify all members.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the project?

If you have any questions about this study, please do not hesitate to contact Clare Gelman or May Doan at ORIMA Research on (03) 9526 9000.

What if I have a concern or complaint?

The ORIMA Research Human Research Ethics Committee has reviewed and approved this study in accordance with the **National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research** (2007) – incorporating all updates [approval reference number: 0072018]. This Statement has been developed to protect the interests of people who agree to participate in human research studies.

Should you wish to discuss the study or view a copy of the Complaint procedure with someone not directly involved, particularly in relation to matters concerning policies, information or complaints about the conduct of the study or your rights as a participant, you may contact the Committee Chair, Mr Des Pearson at ethics@orima.com.au or on 0416 271 907.

How do I sign up to participate?

If you are happy to participate, please click on the link to the survey contained in the survey invitation email.

Thank you for your time. This sheet is for you to keep.

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