



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET RO-1744

Primary caregivers' expectations about the benefits and risks of treatment and involvement in management decisions about the best care for acute respiratory infections in children

You may have recently received a phone call from the University of Queensland, calling on behalf of researchers at the Centre for Research in Evidence-Based Practice, Bond University, inviting you to participate in an important national survey. We are interested in finding out parents' and primary caregivers' thoughts, expectations and concerns about all possible benefits and harms of common treatments for acute respiratory infections in children (for example, middle ear infection, sore throat or cough), and their preferred level of involvement in management decisions with their doctor.

If we contacted you, we would like to speak with the parent or primary caregiver, over the age of 18 years, who is involved in the healthcare of at least one child 1 to 12 years of age. Your contact number was attained by a process of random digit dialing, where the number is randomly generated out of all possible combinations. This ensures that the survey sample is nationally representative.

If you or the selected household member agrees to participate, the survey will be conducted by a qualified interviewer from the Institute for Social Science Research, University of Queensland. The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete, and you may elect to complete the survey at a time more convenient for you. Your participation in this research will help doctor's more effectively communicate with parents about risks and benefits of treatments for acute respiratory infection in children, and better support parents' and primary caregivers' involvement in shared management decisions with their doctor about the best care.

The survey has been approved by the Bond University Human Research Ethics Committee. Participation in this study is **completely voluntary** and you may withdraw at any time without risking any negative consequences. If you choose to withdraw your participation in this study, the information you have provided will be immediately destroyed. Data collected in this study will be treated with complete **confidentiality** and not made accessible to any person outside of the research team working on this project. Data released for from the study will not include any information that can identify you to ensure you will remain **anonymous**. Data will be kept secure, password protected and stored in a secured location at Bond University for a period of 5 years in accordance with the guidelines set out by the Bond University Human Research Ethics Committee.

If you have any queries about the study or would like to be informed about the summary of research findings, please contact:

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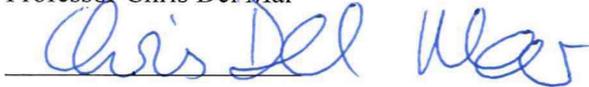
Should you have any complaints concerning the manner in which this research (RO1744) is being conducted please make contact with –

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We thank you for taking the time to assist us with this research.

Yours sincerely,

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