



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET RO1765



Survey of community understanding of and attitudes about the way doctors diagnose and label medical conditions

Recently you may have received a phone call from the Social Research Centre, calling on behalf of Bond University and the University of Sydney, inviting you to participate in an important national survey. This survey aims to assess community understanding of and attitudes about some issues relating to the way doctors and other health professionals diagnose, define and label medical conditions.

The study is being undertaken by a group of researchers from the Centre for Research in Evidence-Based Practice at Bond University and the School of Public Health at the University of Sydney. Your involvement in this research will contribute to a better understanding of how to more effectively communicate about the risks and benefits of diagnostic tests and treatments. The survey has been approved by the Bond University Human Research Ethics Committee.

You or a member of your household was selected to participate from a randomly generated list of phone numbers. If we contacted you on your landline telephone number, we wish to speak to the person in your household who is over the age of 18 and who had the most recent birthday. This person is selected randomly to ensure that the interview sample is representative. If we are calling on your mobile, we wish to speak to you if you are over the age of 18.

If you or the selected household member agrees to participate, the interview will be conducted by a qualified interviewer from the Social Research Centre. The interview will take about 15 minutes and can be arranged for a time that is convenient for you. Involvement in this study is completely voluntary – you or any individual who is invited to participate is under no obligation to be involved. If you decide to participate, you may withdraw at any stage, or refuse to respond to any question that you do not want to answer. If you do withdraw, your answers will not be included in the analysed results.

All interviews will be anonymous and all information collected will be kept strictly confidential. All interviewers, researchers and others involved in this project must comply with the Privacy Act (1988). Survey responses will be entered in an electronic file in an anonymous form, and results from the study will be presented at the aggregate level only.

If you have any questions about who is conducting the survey and how your telephone number was obtained, or would like your number removed from the Social Research Centre calling list please contact: The Social Research Centre, Phone: 1800 023 040. You can quote this information statement and survey number RO1765.

If you have any questions, concerns or complaints concerning the manner in which this research is being conducted you may wish to contact Bond University Human Research Ethics Committee, c/o Bond University Office of Research Services, Bond University, Gold Coast, 4229. Phone: +61 7 5595 4194 Fax: +61 7 5595 1120 Email: buhrec@bond.edu.au You can quote the survey number RO1765.

If you have any queries about the study or would like to be informed about the summary of research findings, please contact: Jenny Doust (Principal Investigator) Centre for Research in Evidence-Based Practice, Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine, Bond University, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, 4229, Phone: 07 5595 5518; Email: jdoust@bond.edu.au The Cancer Council National Helpline is 131120.

I would like to thank you in advance for your time and contribution to this research project.

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