



National Allergy Advice Platform Study

Participant Information Form

Invitation

You are invited to participate in a study about the National Allergy Advice platform. The study is being undertaken by Dr Sandra Vale.

What is the purpose of this study?

This study aims to determine if the National Allergy Advice Platform (allergy assist™) is a useful tool for medical professionals working in rural and regional areas.

Why have I been invited to participate?

You have been invited to participate in this study as you have registered to use the National Allergy Advice Platform.

Your participation and involvement is voluntary, and there are no consequences if you decide not to participate.

What will I be asked to do?

If you decide to participate in this study, you will be asked to complete an evaluation survey about the National Allergy Advice Platform. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

In addition, de-identified National Allergy Advice Platform usage data will be extracted. No identifiable information will be extracted. Where participants engage in activities on the platform (e.g. educational cases, mini modules etc), only de-identified usage and completion data will be extracted.

Are there any potential benefits from participation in this study?

Participation in this survey will contribute to the improvement and refinement of the platform, ensuring it effectively meets the needs of its users and delivers high-quality support for allergy care. Your feedback will directly influence the platform's development, enhancing its value for healthcare professionals and their patients.

Are there any possible risks from participation in this study?

There are **no foreseen personal risks** to the participants in this study.

What if I change my mind during or after the study?

Participants are free to withdraw from the study at any time and can do so without explanation.

What will happen to the information when this study is over?

The researcher will secure data, and all electronic data will be password protected. Data will be destroyed by the designated Archives Officer for a minimum of 7 years or after the youngest participant turns 25 years of age. Hard copy materials will be shredded and recycled.

All research data will be treated in a confidential manner. The researcher will not disclose your identity as a participant to persons outside of the research team unless you wish to be acknowledged for your participation.

Anonymity of participants will be maintained through the analysis and coding of interview data. No names or identifying features will be included in reports and publications. Research data will be stored in the UWA Institutional Research Data Store (IRDS) or equivalent University approved Research data store. Any personal data on hard copy documents will be shredded and disposed of through the University of Western Australia's secure disposal service.

How will the results of the study be published?

We will submit the paper to a high-impact academic journal. A presentation will be undertaken and participants will be invited.

What if I have questions about this study?

If you have concerns or questions about this study please contact Dr Sandra Vale:

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"Approval to conduct this research has been provided by the University of Western Australia, in accordance with its ethics review and approval procedures. Any person considering participation in this research project, or agreeing to participate, may raise any questions or issues with the researchers at any time. In addition, any person not satisfied with the response of researchers may raise ethics issues or concerns, and may make any complaints about this research project by contacting the Human Ethics office at UWA on (08) 6488 3703 or by emailing to humanethics@uwa.edu.au. All research participants are entitled to retain a copy of any Participant Information Form and/or Participant Consent Form relating to this research project."

Thank you for your interest in this study.