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Project: Motivations and Concerns of CPR-Trained Victorians registered for Ambulance Victoria's GoodSAM platform

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Introduction

Thank you for your interest in participating in this Master of Public Health student research project. The following few pages will provide you with further information about the project, so that you can decide if you would like to take part in this research. Please take the time to read this information carefully. You may ask questions about anything you don't understand or want to know more about.

Your participation is voluntary. If you don't wish to take part, you don't have to. If you begin participating, you can also stop at any time prior to when the data has been processed.

What is this research about?

In Victoria, it can take up to eight minutes for an ambulance to arrive at the scene of a cardiac arrest that is out of hospital. The sooner a person who is having a cardiac arrest receives CPR and the application of a defibrillator, the better their chances of survival. It has been shown that by notifying and encouraging people who have CPR training to use this training in the event of a nearby cardiac arrest can save lives. The aim of this study is better understand why you have registered as a GoodSAM responder, with the hope that your responses will help Ambulance Victoria better support you and others like you.

What will I be asked to do?

Should you agree to participate, you will be asked to attend and answer questions in one face-to-face interview with one of our researchers. This will take between 30-45 minutes, and will be at a mutually agreeable location or over the telephone. The interview will be recorded. The data collected will be securely stored for 5 years after the date the findings are published.

What are the possible benefits?

Your responses will be reviewed alongside other GoodSAM responders to help us to better understand our volunteer community. We will be providing our recommendations to Ambulance Victoria so that they can best support you and others like you.

What are the possible risks?

We recognise your participation requires you to take time out of your day. To minimise the inconvenience caused, we will keep to our <45-minute commitment and select a location that is convenient for you. We will also take every precaution possible to deidentify your responses, however due to the small sample size, we cannot guarantee your anonymity. Should our conversation cause you to feel any distress, either during or post-interview, you are able to contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or Beyond Blue on 1300 22 4636.

Do I have to take part?

No. Participation is completely voluntary. You are able to withdraw at any time, prior to when the data has been processed. Please note, any data already collected at the time of withdrawal will be kept for the study.

Will I hear about the results of this project?

The findings of the project will contribute to the existing literature in this area. We have provided an option for you on the consent form if you wish to keep updated on the results of this project. If you wish to hear about the results, we will be in touch later in the year.

What will happen to information about me?

All participant information will be kept confidential and stored securely at the University of Melbourne. Any identifying information will be removed from the written transcripts of your interview, and any data collected will only be held by the University for 5 years post publication.

Is there any potential conflict of interest?

Ambulance Victoria are in support of this study being undertaken. However, the researchers are independent to Ambulance Victoria and will receive no financial or other form or reimbursement for their findings.

Where can I get further information?

If you would like more information about the project, please contact: Phoebe Saunders via email on psaunders1@student.unimelb.edu.au.

Who can I contact if I have any concerns about the project?

This research project has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of The University of Melbourne. If you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of this research project, which you do not wish to discuss with the research team, you should contact the Manager, Human Research Ethics, Research Ethics and Integrity, University of Melbourne, VIC 3010. Tel: +61 3 8344 2073 or Email: HumanEthics-complaints@unimelb.edu.au. All complaints will be treated confidentially. In any correspondence please provide the name of the research team or the name or ethics ID number of the research project.