



National Natural Medicine Workforce Survey
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Participant Information Sheet

Introduction

This research is being conducted by Professor Sandra Grace, Faculty of Health, Southern Cross University. It is guided by a Steering Committee of representatives from Australian natural therapies professional associations who have collaborated to develop a nation-wide Natural Therapies Workforce Survey. The project is sponsored by the Australian Traditional Medicine Society.

What is this research about?

This Australian National Natural Therapies Workforce Survey is based on previous surveys conducted in 2000 and 2012 and will not only provide an accurate profile of the natural therapies workforce in Australia, but also allow longitudinal comparisons on how our professions have evolved over the past 20 years. The survey will include questions such as those on demographics (i.e., age, gender), your natural therapies education, the hours you work, adverse reactions, collaboration and how many consultations you have each week.

What does this research involve?

You are invited to complete an anonymous online Qualtrics survey that should take between 30 and 45 minutes to complete.

What are the risks associated with this research?

This research has been assessed as low risk, however, if any question make you feel uncomfortable or cause you distress, you are free to skip that question, take a break or withdraw from the research completely by closing the survey. If needed, you can also contact free support services such as Lifeline 13 11 14 or Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636.

Our responsibilities to you

All data will be de-identified and we will analyse your data according to your study number not your name. If you decide to withdraw from the study, you can close the survey before submitting it. However, once you have submitted the survey, your anonymous data will be included in the analysis. At no stage will your answers to the Natural Therapies Workforce Survey be linked to your personal information.

The likelihood and form of dissemination of the research results, including publication

We plan to publish the findings from this research in peer-reviewed journals and professional association journals and magazines. Results may also be presented at professional association conferences. All data collected in this project will be stored safely and securely at Southern Cross University for a minimum of 5 years after publication.

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Inquiries

If you have any questions about this research, please contact Professor Sandra Grace (sandra.grace@scu.edu.au or 02 66203646).

Feedback to Participants

As a participant in this research, you will be able to see the results. If you would like to receive a summary of the research when it is finished, you can click on a link at the end of the survey and leave your email address. At no stage will your personal information be linked to your answers to the survey.

Ethics Approval (insert the following text under this heading)

This research has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee at Southern Cross University. The approval number is EC2022/026.

Complaints

If you have concerns about the ethical conduct of this research or the researchers, write to the following:

*The Ethics Complaints Officer
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All information is confidential and will be handled as soon as possible.