(1b) **Participant Information Sheet GPs**

PUnCQ; Pain Understanding and Confidence in **undergraduate Healthcare Professional Students and** Australian General Practitioners.

**Introduction and study purpose**

You are invited to take part in a study about knowledge, understanding, confidence, attitudes and beliefs related to pain. The aim of the study is to investigate the current understanding and confidence of **undergraduate Healthcare Professional Students and** General Practitioners regarding pain and treating those with pain. Before you decide whether or not to take part, it is important for you to understand what participation in the study will involve for you. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Please contact us at the address below if you would like more information.

**Why have you been chosen?**

You have been chosen as you are a General Practitioner who may come into regular contact with people in pain.

**What will I have to do if I take part?**

If you are interested in taking part, you are asked to complete a short, online questionnaire. Instructions on completing the questionnaire are provided and it may take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

**Do I have to take part?**

No. It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. You can stop taking part in the study at any time, without giving a reason, i.e. you do not have to return thesurvey.

**What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?**

There are no apparent disadvantages or risks in taking part in this research.

**What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

We can’t promise that the study will help you personally. However, the results should help our understanding of the beliefs and attitudes of General Practitioners about pain. This, in turn, is expected to be beneficial to future education and healthcare provision.

**What will happen to the information that you give?**

The information you provide will be stored securely on password-protected PCs in a locked office. After 10 years from the end of the study all data will be destroyed securely.

The survey is being conducted using Typeform which is based overseas. Information you provide on this survey will be transferred to Typeform’s overseas server. By completing this survey, you agree to this transfer. The data remains the property of Qld Health and is not on sold or used elsewhere: [Typeform privacy policy](https://admin.typeform.com/to/dwk6gt)

**Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?**

Yes. Ethical and legal practice will be followed, and all of your information will be handled in confidence. The responses that you provide will be treated in confidence.

**Who is organising and funding the research?**

The research is being conducted by Dr Stephen Gilbert of The North Queensland Persistent Pain Management Service.

**What will happen to the results of the research study?**

The data will be analysed and will be available to a range of people, including health professionals, healthcare students and researchers through written reports, established website reports, the media, presentations and journal publications. However, it will not be possible to identify any individual participant from these reports or publications.

**Who has reviewed the study?**

The Townsville Hospital and Health Service Human Research Ethics Committee has reviewed and approved this study. Consent to take part in the study will be obtained online by the study team.

**Further information and contact details**

You can get more study information or discuss the project with the research team at: Stephen Gilbert stephen.gilbert@health.qld.gov.au, North Queensland Persistent Pain Management Service, c/o Anaesthetic Department, Townsville Hospital, Angus Smith Drive, Douglas, Townsville, Queensland 4814.

**What happens next?**

If you decide you are interested in participating in the study after reading this information sheet, please click on **“Continue”** to complete the questionnaire.

*If you have any complaints about any aspect of the project, the way it is being conducted or any questions about being a research participant in general, then you may contact the Townsville Hospital and Health Service Human Research Ethics Committee Chairperson on 07 4433 1440 or email:**TSV-Ethics-Committee@health.qld.gov.au**.*

Thank you for taking the time to read this study information sheet.