**Appendix 1a**

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**Consultant and Specialist Trainees Information sheet**

**Survey of discharge prescribing of analgesia after surgery and Emergency Department attendance.**

**Introduction and study purpose**

This study aims to look at the factors that are involved in prescribing opioids to patients after surgery or attending the emergency department.

Why is it important to tailor opioid prescribing to the patient?

Research shows that up to 60% of patients have left over oxycodone, from their discharge prescription. Local audits in Queensland, to see whether education would help to tailor the amount of oxycodone prescribed for patients have shown a change in some areas and not in others.

We want to find out more about how you think about discharge prescribing , what teaching you give your RMO’s and whether we could give you any more help - thanks for taking this short survey, which should only take you 2 – 3 minutes to complete.

**Why have you been chosen?**

You have been chosen as you are a Consultant or registrar in the Emergency Department or Surgery, 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 3

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 the study materials.

**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 beliefs and attitudes about pain. This, in turn, is expected to be beneficial to future education and healthcare provision. If you provide your email, we will let you know of the outcome of the study and about publication of the research.

**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.

**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 and Mrs Champika Patullo, Healthcare Improvement Fellow at Clinical Excellence Queensland.

**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 Services Human Research Ethics Committee has granted ethical approval for the study. Consent to take part in the study is confirmed by your completion of the survey.

**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](mailto: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.

**Additional information**

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 Chairperson of the Townsville Hospital and Health Services Human Research Ethics Committee on 07 4433 1440 or email [TSV-Ethics-Committee@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:TSV-Ethics-Committee@health.qld.gov.au).

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](https://admin.typeform.com/to/dwk6gt%20)

**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.

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