# Consent Form

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***An Online Educational Course for people with Multiple Sclerosis: A a qualitative analysis.***

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| **Name of Participant:** |  |

1. I consent to participate in this project, the details of which have been explained to me, and I have been provided with a written plain language statement to keep.
2. I understand that the purpose of this research is to investigate my experiences of an MS Online Course
3. I understand that my participation in this project is for research purposes only.
4. I acknowledge that the possible effects of participating in this research project have been explained to my satisfaction.
5. In this project I will be required to undertake an interview regarding my motivation to undertake the course and my experiences of the course.
6. I understand that my interviews may be audio-taped and transcribed de-identified and the interview transcripts will be stored securely.
7. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw from this project anytime without explanation or prejudice and to withdraw any unprocessed data that I have provided.
8. I understand that the data from this research will be stored at the University of Melbourne and will be destroyed after 5 years.
9. I have been informed that the confidentiality of the information I provide will be safeguarded subject to any legal requirements; my data will be password protected and accessible only by the named researchers.
10. I understand that after I sign and return this consent form, it will be retained by the researcher.

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| **Participant Signature:** | Verbal consent over the phone will be requested | **Date:** |  |