



**Human Research Ethics Committee**

Office of Deputy Vice Chancellor and  
Vice President, Research and

**Participant Consent Form**

This is a project specific consent form. It restricts the use of the data collected to the named project by the named investigators.

**Project Title: Understanding persistent low back pain where it resides, in the brain**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ consent to participate in the research project titled *Understanding persistent low back pain where it resides, in the brain*.

I acknowledge that:

I have read the participant information sheet [or where appropriate, 'have had read to me'] and have been given the opportunity to discuss the information and my involvement in the project with the researcher/s.

The procedures required for the project and the time involved have been explained to me, and any questions I have about the project have been answered to my satisfaction.

I consent to the following tests:.

- Electromyography
- Electroencephalography
- Electrical stimulation of nerves and/or muscles
- Transcranial magnetic stimulation
- Blood sample
- Cheek swab salivary sample
- Pressure and thermal pain thresholds
- Central pain modulation
- Questionnaires and demographic information

I understand that my involvement is confidential and that the information gained during the study may be published but no information about me will be used in any way that reveals my identity. I understand that collected anonymised data may be used in future research studies.

I understand that I can withdraw from the study at any time, without affecting my relationship with the researcher/s now or in the future.

**Signed:**

**Name:**

**Date:**

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This study has been approved by the Western Sydney University Human Research Ethics Committee. The Approval number is: H10465

If you have any complaints or reservations about the ethical conduct of this research, you may contact the Ethics Committee through the Office of Research Services on Tel +61 2 4736 0229 Fax +61 2 4736 0905 or email [humanethics@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:humanethics@westernsydney.edu.au). Any issues you raise will be treated in confidence and investigated fully, and you will be informed of the outcome.