# Participant Information 1. Survey Supervisor 2. Date today Date / Time DD/MM/YYYY 3. MRN 4. Age 5. Gender Male Female Other 6. What is your postcode? 7. What is the highest level of education you have completed? Primary School **Bachelor Degree** Year 10 (School Certificate) Masters Degree PhD Year 12 (Higher School Certificate) Tafe/Community College/Technical College

8. A	re you Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander?
$\bigcirc$	Aboriginal
$\bigcirc$	Torres Strait Islander
$\bigcirc$	Aboriginal AND Torres Strait Islander
$\bigcirc$	NEITHER Aboriginal NOR Torres Strait Islander
9. V	Vhat language do you speak at home?
	English
$\bigcirc$	Other (please specify)
10.	Did you complete any of your education outside of Australia?
	No
	Yes, if so where?
Date	Date of operation (approximately)  e / Time  D/MM/YYYY
12.	What do you know about the risks of anaesthesia?
13.	Would you prefer to not have a discussion regarding risks of anaesthesia at all?
14.	Have you ever discussed the risks with a doctor prior to any other surgeries or anaesthetics?
	Yes
	No
15.	Type of Operation

We are seeking to improve the ways that doctors communicate with their patients when describing risks of anaesthetics. For instance, the risks of a severe headache after an epidural anaesthetic (one where a needle is inserted into the back to numb the spinal cord directly) can be				
communicated as an uncommon risk, or 1 in 100.				
We are attempting to correlate words with numbers so we know how to communicate in an easy to understand way.				
Do you have any questions?				

#### **Numerical Descriptions**

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Please select the word which you think BEST describes the risk provided				
16. 1 in 100				
Very Common	Very Low			
High	Rare			
Common	Minimal			
Moderate	Very Rare			
Low	Negligible			
Uncommon				
17. 1 in 10				
Very Common	Very Low			
High	Rare			
Common	Minimal			
Moderate	Very Rare			
Low	Negligible			
Uncommon				
18. 1 in 10 000				
Very Common	Very Low			
High	Rare			
Common	Minimal			
Moderate	Very Rare			
Low	Negligible			
Uncommon				

19. 1 in 1 000 000	
Very Common	Very Low
High	Rare
Common	Minimal
Moderate	Very Rare
Low	Negligible
Uncommon	
20. 1 in 1 000	
Very Common	Very Low
High	Rare
Common	Minimal
Moderate	Very Rare
Low	Negligible
Uncommon	
21. 1 in 100 000	
Very Common	Very Low
High	Rare
Common	Minimal
Moderate	Very Rare
Low	Negligible
Uncommon	

### Verbal Descriptions

Please select the risk which you think BEST describes the word provided				
22. Negligible				
1 in 2	1 in 10 000			
1 in 10	1 in 100 000			
1 in 100	1 in 1 000 000			
1 in 1000	1 in 10 000 000			
23. Low				
1 in 2	1 in 10 000			
1 in 10	1 in 100 000			
1 in 100	1 in 1 000 000			
1 in 1000	1 in 10 000 000			
24. High				
1 in 2	1 in 10 000			
1 in 10	1 in 100 000			
1 in 100	1 in 1 000 000			
1 in 1000	1 in 10 000 000			
25. Very Low				
1 in 2	1 in 10 000			
1 in 10	1 in 100 000			
1 in 100	1 in 1 000 000			
1 in 1000	1 in 10 000 000			

26. Moderate	
1 in 2	1 in 10 000
1 in 10	1 in 100 000
1 in 100	1 in 1 000 000
1 in 1000	1 in 10 000 000
27. Minimal	
1 in 2	1 in 10 000
1 in 10	1 in 100 000
1 in 100	1 in 1 000 000
1 in 1000	1 in 10 000 000
28. Uncommon	
1 in 2	1 in 10 000
1 in 10	1 in 100 000
1 in 100	1 in 1 000 000
1 in 1000	1 in 10 000 000
29. Very common	
1 in 2	1 in 10 000
1 in 10	1 in 100 000
1 in 100	1 in 1 000 000
1 in 1000	1 in 10 000 000
30. Very rare	
1 in 2	1 in 10 000
1 in 10	1 in 100 000
1 in 100	1 in 1 000 000
1 in 1000	1 in 10 000 000

31. Rare	
1 in 2	1 in 10 000
1 in 10	1 in 100 000
1 in 100	1 in 1 000 000
1 in 1000	1 in 10 000 000
32. Common	
1 in 2	1 in 10 000
1 in 10	1 in 100 000
1 in 100	1 in 1 000 000
1 in 1000	1 in 10 000 000

Version 5 Date: 14/7/18 33. would you prefer risks to be described in numbers or words? 34. How would you answer if the anaesthetist said, "There are risks attached to anything we do in hospital. Based on your history and examination, there is nothing I am particularly concerned about for you more than anybody else. We will do everything possible to make sure you are safe and comfortable when you wake up in the recovery room. Would you like to know any more about specific risks?" O Yes O No 35. If you answered 'yes', what more would you like to know?

Patients' perception of qualitative and quantitative risk in anaesthetic consent