The I-DECIDED® All Devices Study

An interrupted time-series study to improve invasive devices assessment and decision making in hospital patients

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET – Device assessment and chart audit

QEII Jubilee Hospital

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You are invited to take part in this research project because you have been identified as a patient with an invasive device at the QEII Jubilee Hospital. This phase of the project aims to assess your invasive device and compare this assessment with the documentation in your medical chart. Participation is completely voluntary and you may refuse/withdraw your consent at any time.

This information sheet has been provided to you to allow you to give fully informed consent. You should keep a copy of this sheet for your future reference.

Why is the research being conducted?

Most hospital patients need an invasive device during admission. This could include intravenous catheters/cannulas, urinary catheters, feeding tubes, surgical drains, etc. Devices may have painful complications or stop working before treatment is finished. Improved assessment and decision making could help prevention and early detection of complications. This study will test the effectiveness of an assessment and decision tool (I-DECIDED®) in improving invasive devices management in hospital patients.

What you will be asked to do

1. You will be asked to consent to participate in this device assessment and chart audit.
2. If you agree to participate, a QEII Research Nurse will collect non-identifiable details about your device. No identifying or personal information will be collected.
3. The researcher will spend 5–10 minutes with you, examining your device and checking your medical record for evidence of device assessment by hospital staff.
4. You are welcome to have a relative or friend present, if you choose.

The expected benefits of the research

We do not expect you to get any direct benefit by participating in the study. We do think that your participation may benefit future hospital patients, and you may feel satisfaction at your contribution to improving health care through research.

Risks to you

There are no foreseeable risks through participation in the study. Your participation is entirely voluntary. The researcher will treat you with courtesy and confidentiality at all times, and there is no right or wrong way to complete the questions.

Your confidentiality

Data collected during this study will be treated confidentially. No individual person will be identifiable in any reports or publications arising from the study. All data generated will be de-identified and safely stored at the QEII Jubilee Hospital and Griffith University. Research records will be destroyed 5 years after the study.

Your participation is voluntary

Your participation is entirely voluntary and if you decide not to participate this will not affect your relationship with the hospital. If you choose to participate, you are free to withdraw your consent and to discontinue participation later, by telling the research nurse. If you choose to withdraw you will be given the opportunity to revoke the researcher's rights to keep any data collected, or otherwise consent to its use in the final results. This choice will not impact upon your relationship with the hospital in any way.

The ethical conduct of this research

This study has been reviewed and approved by the Metro South Human Research Ethics Committee (EC000167). Should you wish to discuss the study in relation to your rights as a participant, or should you wish to make an independent complaint, you may contact the Coordinator or Chairperson, Metro South Human Research Ethics Committee, Metro South Hospital, Translation Research Institute, Woolloongabba, Qld, 4102 or telephone (07) 3443 8049, email: MSH-Ethics@health.qld.gov.au

Griffith University conducts research in accordance with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research. If potential participants have any concerns or complaints about the ethical conduct of the research project they should contact the Manager, Research Ethics on 3735 4375 or research-ethics@griffith.edu.au.

Who can I contact for further information?

If you would like further information or have any questions about this research or the study procedure, please contact Dr Gillian Ray-Barruel on 3182 6690 or Tain Gardiner on 3182 6113.

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, you may contact:

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