

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

PROJECT TITLE: Client experiences of having a long-term indwelling urinary catheter in the community.

You are invited to take part in a research project about client experiences of having a long-term indwelling urinary catheter (IUC) as part of the healthcare at home. The client experience is documented using the International Consultation on Continence Questionnaire-Long Term Catheter QoL (ICIQ-LTCQoL). The ICIQ-LTCQoL is a questionnaire that enables a self-report evaluation of various areas in the use of an IUC from the client's perspective. It is the client's perspective that assists the community continence nurse to plan and deliver care that meets the client's individual needs. This study aims to discover what are the experiences of clients with an IUC as a collective group. The information gathered from the study will then be able to be reviewed and how can healthcare delivery and policy can be employed to promote optimal healthcare outcomes. The study is being conducted by Ms Sandra Ilett (Continence Nurse) and Dr Trish Burton (Principal Investigator), Ms Sandra Dash and Ms Rachal Porter (Co-Investigators) at James Cook University.

The ICIQ-LTCQoL questionnaire should only take 15 minutes to complete. The questionnaire consists of multi-choice answers in the areas of catheter function and concern, lifestyle impact, pads, discomfort, bladder spasm and sexual activity. There are four short answer questions that explore specific experiences of living with a urinary catheter. The questionnaire will be filed in your nursing care record as part of your care by the community continence nurse. If you agree to be part of this study your community continence nurse will then forward the questionnaire (which cannot be identified to you) to the Continence Nursing Service (Queensland). The Continence Nursing Service will then forward all completed questionnaires to James Cook University.

Taking part in this study is completely voluntary and you can stop taking part in the study at any time without explanation or prejudice, by contacting your community continence nurse and your care will not be impacted in any way.

Your participation in the study will be kept confidential and no personally identifying information will be collected. Once the data analysis is completed your community continence nurse will brief you in relation to the outcomes of the collated data. The ANONYMOUS data from the study will be used in research publications and report AND MAY BE SHARED PUBLICLY FOR USE BY OTHER RESEARCHERS OR IN FUTURE PROJECTS. You will not be identified in any way in these publications OR SHARED DATASETS.

If you have any questions about the study, please contact **Dr Trish Burton and Ms Sandra Ilett**.

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