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Information Sheet

Identifying the Role of Nurses in the Community Management of Diabetes

Main Quantitative Survey:

To document the current community management of diabetes by nurses

Why are we doing this study?

The Auckland Medical School (Schools of Nursing and Population Health) is carrying out a study in the greater Auckland area to identify issues affecting Primary Health Care (PHC) Nurses in their care and management of diabetes patients. PHC nurses include practice nurses, district nurses, disease state management nurses and diabetes nurse specialists working in the community.

The study is funded by the Ministry of Health and Novo Nordisk Diabetes.

It is a random survey of 250 PHC nurses which aims to document the workload of PHC nurses in managing diabetes patients, the nursing cares carried out by PHC nurses when managing and consulting diabetes patients in the community. Information will also be collected on the current knowledge of diabetes management held by PHC nurses, diabetes training needs and expectations of PHC nurses required for future community of management of diabetes. Information regarding all diabetes consultations carried out during one working day by PHC nurses, will be collected.

We invite you to participate in this quantitative survey of 250 PHC nurses, to document the current community management of diabetes by nurses. The data collected will be used to make recommendations for the future structure and organization of PHC nurses involved in diabetes management, including educational needs, resources and ideal work environment.

What is involved?

As a PHC nurse, you have been randomly selected to participate in this quantitative survey discussed above. Should you agree to participate in this study, you will complete the self administered questionnaire (about 10 minutes to complete) that will be posted to you and take part in a telephone interview conducted at a convenient time for you. You will be contacted by telephone and asked to select a time that is convenient for you to carry out the telephone interview.

The telephone interview will last approximately 15 minutes and will be conducted by Barbara Daly. During the interview you will be asked questions about: diabetes patients you have recently managed

(eg. time spent with diabetes patients, type of care given during consultations); some details about the patients; your workload; issues you feel are important for improving your work environment and to assist you to better manage diabetes patients; and your educational needs to help you manage diabetes patients in the future. If you prefer, the interview can be carried out face-to-face rather than over the phone.

Do I have to take part in this survey?

Your participation is entirely **voluntary**. If you decide not to participate, or withdraw from the survey, there will be no adverse consequences for you. You do not have to answer all the questions and you may end the interview at any time.

What will happen to the results?

The information collected from you is completely *confidential*. No information that could identify you will be stored on computer or used in any reports from this study. The records of the self administered survey and telephone interview will be stored in a locked and secure place at the Auckland Medical School.

All PHC nurses will receive a summary of the major findings and recommendations from the survey.

Who to contact?

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Barbara Daly, School of Nursing, Auckland University:

- Barbara Daly, School of Nursing: (3737 599, ext 89882 or 027 276 2840)

This study has received ethical approval from the Northern X Ethics Committee.

In the unlikely event of physical injury from participating in this survey, you will be covered by the accident compensation legislation with its limitations. If you have any questions about ACC, please feel free to ask the interviewer for more information before you agree to take part in this survey, or contact your nearest ACC office.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your rights as a participant in this study, you may wish to contact your professional organisation.



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CONSENT FORM

The Role of Nurses in the Community Management of Diabetes

(ID _____)

Full name:
(first) (middle) (last)

Title of project: Identifying the Role of Nurses in the Community Management of Diabetes

Principal Investigator: Barbara Daly, School of Nursing, Auckland Medical School

- I have been given, and have read, a written explanation and understand what is asked of me.
- I have had an opportunity to ask questions and to have them answered.
- I understand that I may withdraw from the project at any time.

I consent to take part in this survey. YES / NO

Signed by participants :

Date :