Participant Information Statement

Project: Perceived relevance of consequences of diagnostic labelling: a qualitative exploratory study with general practitioners and consumers
Chief Investigator: Associate Professor Rae Thomas

1. What is the research study about?

You are invited to participate in an online semi-structured interview to discuss your current practice and how best to communicate to patients about the potential harms and benefits of routine screening for non-cancer health conditions. This study is part of broader research about the impacts of diagnostic labelling. The results of the semi-structured interview will help researchers find better ways to communicate risks and benefits of screening and possible diagnostic labelling resulting from positive results.

2. Who is conducting this research?

This research is being carried out by the following researchers:

Associate Professor Rae Thomas
Rebecca Sims (PhD Candidate)
Dr Zoe Michaleff
Professor Paul Glasziou

Research Funder: This research is being funded by an Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship.

3. Can anyone take part in this study?

We are looking to recruit General Practitioners who currently practice as a GP in Australia.

4. What does the participation in this study involve?

As part of this study, you will be asked to participate in the following:

Eligibility questions: A screening questionnaire asking about your occupation will be completed via the online survey platform Qualtrics. This will determine if you are eligible to take part. If the screening questionnaire shows you meet the criteria for inclusion, you will complete a brief demographic questionnaire and then be contacted by the research team to arrange a time to participate in an interview.

Interview: A semi-structured interview will be conducted online via the video-enabled online platform Zoom. You will be provided with information about research into harms and benefits of diagnostic labels and asked questions about routine screening for non-cancer health conditions and subsequent diagnoses. With your permission, the research team would like to audio record the interview. If you do not wish to be recorded but you would like to participate, please advise the research team and written notes will be taken.

5. How much time will the study take?

Screening: Completing screening questionnaire will take approximately 5-minutes.

Interview: The interview will take approximately 45-minutes.

6. Will I incur any costs by participating in the study?

There are no costs associated with participating in this research project, however, you will receive a $100 Gift Voucher for participation in the study.

7. Will the study involve any risk or discomfort?

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. You may benefit from participating in this research gaining knowledge about diagnoses and screening that might contribute to your clinical practice. We cannot guarantee you will experience direct benefit from participating in the interview. You may feel that some of the questions we ask are stressful or upsetting. If you do not wish to answer a question, you may refrain from providing a response and request moving to the next question, or you may stop immediately. However, should you experience concerns, two members of the research team are trained psychologists and will help you access further support should you want this. You may withdraw at any time without risking any negative consequences. All the data collected in this study will be de-identified, is confidential and not made accessible to any person outside of the research team working on this project.

If you become upset or distressed as a result of your participation in the research project, you could contact:

Lifeline	131114
The Salvation Army	1300 363 622
Beyond Blue	1300 224 636

8. What will happen to the information collected about me?

By indicating consent, you consent to the research team collecting and using information about you for the current research study.

The research team will store the data collected in a secured location at Bond University for:

5 years after the publication of the research results

The information about you will be stored in a:

Re-identifiable format where any identifiers such as your name, address, date of birth will be replaced with a unique code.

9. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

Participation in this study is voluntary, you are not under any obligation to consent. You will be able to withdraw or review your responses up until the point of synthesis and analysis, after which time all identifiable information will be removed and data will be anonymised. Withdrawal will not affect your relationship with Bond University, or any other organisations involved in this research.

You can withdraw your consent by advising the researcher verbally or via email.

You may stop the interview at any time if you do not wish to continue. The data and audio recording will be erased and will not be included in the study.

10. How do I obtain further information about this study?

If you would like to know more information regarding this study, or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in this study you can contact the research team:

Name	Rebecca Sims
Position	PhD Candidate
Telephone	07 5595 4482
Email	rebecca.sims@student.bond.edu.au
Ethics Approval Number	RS00318

11. Will I receive the results of the Study?

The research team intend to publish and/ report the results of the research. If you would like a copy of the results please indicate this at the end of the survey.

12. What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research Study?

Any concerns or complaints about the conduct of this study should be direct to:

Bond University - Human Research Ethics Committee
14 University Drive
ROBINA QLD 4226
Email: ethics@bond.edu.au
Phone: +61 7 5595 4194

A copy of this Participant Information will be emailed to consenting individuals at the time of contacting to schedule your interview.

Participant providing consent for Screening and Survey

- I have read the Participant Information above.
- I have contacted the research team with any questions I have, and I am satisfied with the answers I have received.
- I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the study and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members.
- I agree to being contacted by the research team to schedule an interview.

Qualtrics Survey Link: https://bond.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1FyzTLJ5e3OXCIe

Participant Consent (provided via Qualtrics)

Signature of Research Participant	

Participant providing consent for Semi-Structured Interview

- I understand I am being asked to provide consent to participate in this research study.
- I have read the Participant Information.
- I understand the purposes, study tasks and risks of the research described in the study.
- I have had an opportunity to ask questions and I am satisfied with the answers I have received.
- I understand that the research team will audio record the interview; I agree to be recorded for this purpose.
- I provide my consent for the information collected about me to be used for the purpose of this research study.
- I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the study and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members.

Participant Consent (verbally provided at time of semi-structured interview)