



The Integrative health care Model development & Evaluation project

Participant Information Sheet

Stage 3 Survey

You are invited to participate in an exciting new study that will examine the views and needs of Australian's in relation to integrative health care - a new approach to delivering health services to Australians by bringing together a broader range of services to better meet the needs of health consumers. The project is being led by the University of South Australia, in partnership with Flinders University and Endeavour College. Funding support for the project is being provided by Endeavour College.

If you have been a consumer of a health care service in the past 12 months (i.e. have consulted a health professional, or have been in hospital) or are a health care provider, we are inviting you to participate in this anonymous online survey. The survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete.

Your participation in this study will be most important in ensuring that your views and needs, whether they be as a health consumer or health provider, are given due consideration in the development of a new health care service delivery model; this will ensure that the model has direct relevance to you should it be applied in practice. There are no foreseen risks to you in participating in this study. To thank you for your participation, we would like to enter you in a draw to win one of ten \$50 gift cards. If you would like to enter this draw, please indicate this in the box specified on completion of the survey.

By completing this survey you are consenting to participation in this study; however, your participation is voluntary. You may withdraw from the study at any point while completing the survey, but once you submit your survey, it will not be possible to remove your responses as your individual data will not be identifiable. Your participation and/or withdrawal from this study will not disadvantage you in any future dealings with the research team or their affiliated institutions. You also have the right to ask any questions about the study at any time. So please contact Dr Matthew Leach on (08) 8302 2846 if you have any questions relating to this study, or visit the project website at www.time-project.net.

Please note that all personal information will remain confidential, and that the data obtained will not be used for any other purpose except for this study. No information which could lead to the identification of an individual will be released, unless required by law. To comply with the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, all data will be stored in a locked cabinet in a secure office in the School of Nursing & Midwifery (University of South Australia) and retained for a minimum period of five years. Findings from the study may be published in a peer-reviewed journal, and presented at conferences. If you would like a summary of the study findings, please complete the relevant box at the end of the survey. The researcher will take every care to remove responses from any identifying material as early as possible. Likewise, your responses will be kept confidential by the researcher and not be identified in the reporting of this research. However, the researcher cannot guarantee the confidentiality or anonymity of material transferred by email or the internet.

This study has been approved by the University of South Australia's Human Research Ethics Committee. Any concerns relating to the conduct of this study can be addressed to the Executive Officer of the University of SA Human Research Ethics Committee, Ms Vicki Allen, on (08) 8302 3118.

If you understand the above information and would like to participate in this important study, you can commence the survey by clicking on the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IHCS>

We thank-you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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