

Invitation to participate in ROOM tool interview

Dear Colleagues,

You have been sent this invitation as a rural general practitioner (GP), practice nurse (PN) or pharmacist. This is an invitation to participate in a study based at the University of Wollongong that seeks to understand the barriers and facilitators rural GPs experience in reducing opioid doses for patients taking long-term opioids medicines for chronic non-cancer pain. We are also seeking GPs', PNs' and pharmacists' views on the place a newly developed patient assessment questionnaire, the ROOM Tool, might have in the routine care of that patient cohort.

If you consent to participate, we will provide you with a copy of the ROOM Tool and a brief introductory video about the TOOL. We will ask you to participate in a 30-45 minute telephone or video interview about your experiences of reducing opioids for patients with chronic non-cancer pain and your perceptions of the usefulness of the ROOM Tool in this context. The attached participant information sheet will explain more about the project.

To take part in this project please complete and return the consent form section this email below to the UOW research team. If you have any queries you can contact the researchers listed below.

Kind regards

Andrew

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Participant Interview Consent Form

Study Title: A qualitative study of rural general practitioners' (GPs') perceptions of the usefulness of the ROOM Tool to assist patients in tapering opioid medications prescribed for chronic non-cancer pain.

INVESTIGATORS

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I have been given information about the study and have been provided the opportunity to discuss the research with the investigators who are conducting this research.

- I have been advised of any possible risks or burdens associated with this research and have had the opportunity to ask the investigators any questions I may have about the research and my participation.
- I understand that my participation is voluntary, I am free to decline to participate and I am free to withdraw from the research at any time. My refusal to participate or withdraw consent will not affect my relationship with the researchers or the University of Wollongong.
- I understand that all information provided is confidential and that any data that the researchers use in reports, presentations or publications will not, under any circumstances, contain names or identifying characteristics. I understand the research data will be stored securely by the University.

I understand that if I choose to participate in this study, I will be asked to:

- Review the ROOM Tool and training video – approximately 20 min
- Participate in a 30-45 minute telephone interview or focus group, which will be audio recorded and transcribed by a professional transcription service.

By agreeing to be part of this study, I consent:

- For this data being used for the purposes of the study, including by the University and its research collaborators.

By completing the information below and returning by email to MARGARET JORDAN (mjordan@uow.edu.au) I am indicating my consent to participate in the research.

Name

Please indicate: GP PN Pharmacist

Date:

Year of graduation

Sex :

Preferred Email:

Practice Name (if applicable) and Postcode:

INTERVIEW PREFERENCE

Phone: Yes / No

Preferred phone number:

Video conference: Yes / No

Focus group: Yes/No

**When completed, please forward this email to Margaret Jordan
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**Please forward this invitation to other GPs, practice nurses or
pharmacists who may be interested.**

Thank you