

Eye care practitioners required for an interview to understand myopia management in Asia

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Purpose of study

All eye care practitioners are invited to participate in a study of myopia management attitudes in Asia. We hope to learn what are the factors that are influencing practitioners in Asia to manage myopia and how to support practitioners better in myopia management in terms of resources and education.

Description of study and risks

If you decide to participate, we will arrange a suitable time to take part in a single, one on one interview by conference call of up to **45 minutes duration**. A researcher will be asking a set of questions in regards to myopia management in a session that will be recorded.

There is no likelihood of discomfort and inconvenience from the research study as the survey will be conducted at a mutually agreeable time. Participants can withdraw from participation at any time without any explanation.

There are **no risks** associated with participation. The benefits of participation are that you will be supporting the growth and development of the eye care profession in Asia, as the research is to help understand the unmet needs of myopia management in Asia. We cannot and do not guarantee or promise that you will receive any direct benefits from this study.

Confidentiality and disclosure of information

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission, except as required by law. All study data is de-identified, password protected and stored in a secure, encrypted cloud database. If you give us your permission by signing this document, we plan to publish the results in a peer reviewed scientific

journal. In any publication, information will be provided in such a way that you cannot be identified.

Recompense to participants

There will be no financial recompense as the study does not require travel to participate.

Feedback to participants

All participants will receive a letter of appreciation for their participation at the conclusion of the study along with the key findings if they indicate by checking the box on the consent form.

Further information

If you are interested to participate and have any questions, please feel free to contact your local association or the Chief Investigator Dr Monica Jong, 0421 487 547, monica.jong@canberra.edu.au who will be happy to answer them and provide a detailed information sheet.

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