



Optimising Specialised Nursing Care for Women with a Gynaecological Cancer in Australia: A Research Driven Resource Phase 1 – Baseline Focus Groups

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Hello,

You are invited to participate in a research project that is being conducted in conjunction with Curtin University and the Cancer Nurses' Society of Australia. *Curtin University Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) has approved this study (HREC number 2023-0629)*. This research forms part of a PhD project.

The primary aim of this project is to develop an evidence-based resource to guide the specialist nursing care of women with a gynaecological cancer in Australia using a phased research process. In this phase of the study, you are invited to participate in an online focus group to discuss your opinion on what this resource should be, how it should be presented and what it should include.

As a participant you will be invited to participate in a focus group where you will be asked about your awareness of guidance resources for nurses, how you think it could benefit practice, what it should look like and what content it should include. It is expected focus groups will last between one to one and a half hours and will be scheduled at a mutually convenient time. Before the focus group, you will be asked to complete a short online questionnaire that can be done at your own convenience, and we estimate it will take between 5-10 minutes to complete.

Your participation in this project will remain confidential. Only a study number will identify the information you share. All research information will be stored in password protected computer files and accessed only by the researchers named above.

Participation in this research project is voluntary, you do not have to participate. If you choose to participate and change your mind, you are free to withdraw from the study at any time and there will be no consequences.

If you are interested in asking questions in more detail or in participating, please contact the primary researcher Natalie Williams at natalie.williams2@student.curtin.edu.au or follow this link <https://redcap.link/25i7tmhb> or scan the QR code below. A copy of the Participant Information Form will be sent to you to read before you agree to participate. The researcher can arrange a time to speak by phone if you prefer.



Should you wish to discuss the study with someone not directly involved, in particular, any matters concerning the conduct of the study or your rights as a participant, or you wish to make a confidential complaint, you may contact the Ethics Officer on (08) 9266 9223 or the Manager, Research Integrity on (08) 9266 7093 or email hrec@curtin.edu.au.