



HEALTHFUSION Team CHALLENGE

CONSENT FORM FOR COMPETITORS

TITLE: The HealthFusion Team Challenge (HFTC): A mixed methodology evaluation of the effectiveness of a university based interprofessional education (IPE) project.

INVESTIGATORS: Dr Monica Moran, Lecturer, Division of Occupational Therapy, University of Queensland
AProf Lisa Nissen, Lecturer, School of Pharmacy, University of Queensland
AProf Rosalie Boyce, Research Advisor, School of Pharmacy, University of Queensland

1. By responding to the email invitation to participate I hereby consent to take part in the research project titled: ***The HealthFusion Team Challenge (HFTC): A mixed methodology evaluation of the effectiveness of a university based interprofessional education (IPE) project.***

2. I acknowledge that I have read the information sheet provided and that I have had the project, so far as it affects me, fully explained to my satisfaction by the investigators. I freely consent to my participation in the project.

3. The details of the information gathering process has been explained to me. I understand that my participation involves completing a questionnaire pre and post my involvement in the HealthFusion Health Care Team Challenge designed to measure my reactions, attitudes and perceptions, and knowledge and skills surrounding issues of Inter-professional Practice. My participation may also involve taking part in a focus group or phone interview to discuss the usefulness of the HFTC as a learning tool.

4. I am informed that the information I provide will be treated confidentially. The information I will provide will be kept only with an identification number. In the event of publication, there will be no personal identifying features published.

5. I understand that I am free to withdraw from the study at any time with no adverse consequences.

If you have any questions about the study at any time, feel free to contact the researcher, Dr. Monica Moran at Division of Occupational Therapy, the University of Queensland, [p]: 3365 3451.

Independent Contact: If you have any comments or complaints about the study you can contact the Ethics Officer, WMHSD Human Research Ethics Committee on 3271 8674 or email ethics@qcmhr.uq.edu.au. All complaints will be treated in confidence, investigated fully and you will be informed of the outcome.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET FOR COMPETITORS

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What this project is about:

The aim of this research project is to examine from the student perspective the impact of the HealthFusion Team Challenge (HFTC) in the promotion of interprofessional learning and collaborative practice.

The goal of university based interprofessional education (IPE) is to prepare students for effective and collaborative participation in health care teams. To achieve this, IPE methods must create meaningful learning experiences for students that will facilitate real change in their interprofessional practice. The HealthFusion Team Challenge (HFTC) is a possible means of achieving this goal.

The overall rationale of this study is twofold: 1) To contribute to the development of an effective IPE programme that will produce graduating health professionals who are prepared for effective and collaborative interprofessional practice and 2) To contribute to the under-developed body of IPE evaluation and evidence-based practice research.

What you may be asked to do:

Before you are allocated to a multidisciplinary team for the HealthFusion Team Challenge you will be asked to complete an online questionnaire designed to measure your reactions, attitudes and perceptions, and knowledge and skills surrounding issues of Inter-professional Practice. Directly after your involvement in the competition you will be asked to complete the same questionnaire again. The questionnaire should take approximately 30 to 45 minutes to complete. You may also be asked to take part in a focus group or phone interview in order to discuss aspects of the competition regarding its usefulness as a learning tool. The focus groups should run for approximately 60 minutes and the phone interview should run approximately 20 minutes. All data collection will be made on University grounds (St Lucia campus).

How will my privacy be maintained?

Your privacy while participating in the study will be maintained at all times. You will be assigned a number with which all data pertaining to you will be labelled. Files will be kept in a password protected data file in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences and will only be accessible

by the researchers. Phone interviews will be recorded to assist in transcription and this recording will be destroyed directly after this has taken place.

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary and the decision to participate or not will not affect you adversely in any way. You will have the opportunity to withdraw from the research study at any time should you wish to do so, with no adverse consequences. Your participation in this study will have no bearing on the outcome of the HealthFusion Team Challenge and judges and event organisers will be blind to your participation status.

Benefit of participation:

The purpose of this research is to improve the quality of interprofessional education for Health Science students. Whilst your involvement will contribute to this, it may not be of any direct benefit to you.

Will I receive feedback?:


A summary of the overall outcomes of the study, as well as all data pertaining to you, will be made available to you on request. If you wish to view them please make your request to the contact below.

If I have queries about the research:

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Ethical clearance statement:

This study adheres to the guidelines of the ethical review process of The University of Queensland. Whilst you are free to discuss your participation in this study with the project staff (contactable on ph: 3365 3451), if you would like to speak to an officer of the University not involved in the study, you may contact the Ethics Officer on 3365 3924.

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