



EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Project: Translation of research evidence to clinical practice via social media
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This project is being conducted by Stephen Maloney, lecturer, unit coordinator and Deputy Head of Department of Physiotherapy at Monash University, John Weiner, PhD student at Monash University, and the research team as listed above. This project has been enabled by the Monash University Strategic Grant Scheme 2014. You are invited to take part in this study. Please read this Explanatory Statement in full before deciding whether or not to participate in this research. If you would like further information regarding any aspect of this project, you are encouraged to contact the researchers via the phone numbers or email addresses listed above.

What does the research involve?

The aim of this study is to engage health researchers, clinicians and students in evaluating the accessibility and acceptability of social media as a direct information sharing pathway between these stakeholders, and to pilot its effectiveness in promoting translation to practice of clinical research.

You will be invited to complete a short on line survey via Survey Monkey (Phase 1A), with regards to social media, research information and clinical practice. This should take around 10 minutes to complete. The survey will be anonymous.

You will also be invited to be involved in a short (approx 20 minute) interview (Phase 1B) which will be conducted either face to face, via phone or Skype, in an individual or group manner. This interview will also focus on the themes of social media, research information and clinical practice.

If you are a health professional (clinician) or health professional student involved in musculoskeletal practice, you will also be invited to participate in a pre-post study assessing the effectiveness of social media in facilitating research evidence into clinical care (Phase 2). This will involve receiving weekly 'practice points' prepared by tendon research experts delivered by a social media platform to your mobile phone or tablet device. Before and after this information, you will complete a questionnaire on your views of social media use for continuing professional development and complete clinical practice scenarios. You will also report on changes in patient management as a result of the social media communications. This should take around 60 minutes of your time. The questionnaire, scenarios and self reports will be anonymous.

Why were you chosen for this research?

Health researchers, health professionals (clinicians) and health professional students have been invited to participate. These three groups represent the major stakeholders in the translation of research evidence to clinical practice.

Invitations to participate were forwarded to contact people within the organisations that you are employed in, are studying at, or have membership to. These contact people have forwarded the invitation to participate in this study to you.

Source of funding

This project has been funded by the Monash University Strategic Grants Scheme 2014.

Consenting to participate in the project and withdrawing from the research

Being in this study is voluntary and you are under no obligation to consent to participate.

By completing the on line survey (Phase 1A) you are consenting to be involved in the study. Participation and information from the survey are anonymous. If you do consent to participate, you do not need to answer all the questions, however once you have submitted your response online you cannot withdraw your answers, as responses are anonymous.

If you wish to participate in the interview component (Phase 1B) of the research, by providing your contact details to the researchers you are consenting to be contacted by the researchers. If you choose to participate, you will be asked to complete a consent form prior to the interview. This will be completed in writing or verbally. You may withdraw your consent and any information from the interview process at any time the study is being conducted, or until data is de-identified.

If you wish to participate in the pre -post study (Phase 2) of this research, by providing your contact details to the researchers you are consenting to be contacted by the researchers. If you choose to participate, you will be asked to

complete a consent form prior to Phase 2. This will be completed in writing or verbally. You may withdraw your consent to participate in this phase at any time, however, data from pre and post questionnaires, clinical scenarios and self reports will be anonymous and therefore once you have submitted your response online you cannot withdraw your answers.

Possible benefits and risks to participants

Potential benefits of this research may include enhanced communication pathways between health researchers and health professionals and health professional students. This may potentially result in improved outcomes for health care recipients.

There are no foreseeable risks to participants by participating in the study. The only inconvenience / discomfort to participants is the time taken to participate.

Payment

No payment will be provided for participation in initial survey (Phase 1A) or the pre-post study (Phase 1B). As a token of appreciation of time in an interview (Phase 1B), participants will receive either a movie gift card of approximately \$50 value, or a donation to a charity of an equivalent amount. Choice of token of appreciation will be at the discretion of the participant.

Confidentiality

Steps will be taken to ensure the privacy of participant information. Any data collected will be anonymous or confidential, with the identities of participants only known to the research team. Any published information will be in summary form or de-identified via the use of pseudonyms or codes.

Storage of data

Data collected will be stored in accordance with Monash University regulations. All material will be kept on secure password protected hard drives for 5 years following the completion of the study. Any hardcopies will be kept in a locked filing cabinet within the department of physiotherapy for 5 years. A report of the study may be submitted for publication, but individual participants will not be identifiable in such a report.

Use of data for other purposes

The data may be used for future research papers. All data collected will remain confidential and be accessed by only the researchers and research assistants.

Results

If you would like to be informed of the aggregate research finding, please contact Stephen Maloney on 9904 4240 or stephen.maloney@monash.edu. The findings are accessible for 3 months following the conclusion of the research.

Complaints

Should you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of the project, you are welcome to contact:

Chief Investigator:

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The Executive Officer, Monash University Human Research Ethics (MUHREC):

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Concerns or complaints can then be forwarded to the chief investigator.

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Thank you,



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