



SURVEY TITLE: Knowledge and attitudes towards the use of histology in inflammatory bowel disease

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

INTRODUCTION:

You are invited to take part in a research study on understanding the knowledge and attitudes towards the use of histology in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). The aim of this study is to identify current knowledge and attitudes towards histology in IBD.

The study is being conducted within the Gastroenterology and Liver Services department at Concord Repatriation General Hospital.

The investigators of this study are:

1. Dr Aviv Pudipeddi, Gastroenterologist
2. Professor Rupert Leong, Senior staff specialist Gastroenterologist

Study Procedures

If you agree to participate in this study, you will be asked to complete an anonymous REDCap survey using a link sent to you by GESA. Completing the survey and submitting your responses will be considered implied consent for the researchers to use your anonymous survey responses for the purposes of this research project.

Survey questions are multiple choice and include broad demographics and your perspectives on the use of histology in inflammatory bowel disease. The survey will take 5 minutes to complete. The survey will be open for three months and we will send a reminder email two days before it closes.

Risks

The risks associated with this study are small, mainly giving up your time. This survey is anonymous. We will not be able to trace the responses back to you.

Benefits

The benefits of this study include understanding current knowledge and attitudes. This may guide future education opportunities if required.

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Costs

Participation in this study will not cost you anything, nor will you be paid.

Voluntary Participation

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary. However, once the survey has been submitted, you will not be able to track, alter, review or withdraw your responses.

What will happen to information about me that is collected during the study?

Your responses to the survey questions are directly entered by you into an online password protected research database REDCap via the web link emailed to you. The REDCap database is hosted on the server of Sydney Local Health District. The data will be analysed and the results may be presented at a conference or in a scientific publication. Individual participants will not be identifiable in such a presentation.

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Confidentiality

The data will be stored for 5 years after publication for quality assurance. We do not anticipate using the data for other projects at this stage.. It will be accessible only to authorised researchers listed on the study.

All the information collected from you for the study will be anonymous and treated confidentially.

Further Information

If you would like to know more at any stage, please feel free to contact study investigator Dr Aviv Pudipeddi on aviv.pudipeddi@health.nsw.gov.au.

Ethics Approval and Complaints

This study has been approved by the Ethics Review Committee (Concord Zone) of the Sydney Local Health District. Any person with concerns or complaints about the conduct of this study should contact the Executive Officer on 02 9767 5622 and quote study number "2021/ETH00712"