

Participant Information

Talking fertility with men:

Survey of GPs knowledge, attitudes and practice relating to modifiable factors that affect male fertility

1. Introduction

You are invited to take part in this research because you are a GP.

Research shows that most men want to have children but have limited knowledge about fertility and the factors that affect it. It is also now known that the health of both parents before conception affect the health of their children at birth and into adulthood. Andrology Australia plans to develop resources to help GPs start conversations with men about fertility and reproductive life planning. By completing this survey, you will help us make these resources as useful as possible.

The aim is to learn about GPs attitudes towards preconception health promotion.

This Participant Information explains what is involved in participating in the study to help you decide if you want to take part. Please read this information carefully. Ask questions about anything that you don't understand or want to know more about.

If you decide you want to take part in the research project, you will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey.

By participating you are telling us that you:

- understand what you have read;
- consent to take part in the research project;
- consent to be involved in the procedures described.

2. What is the purpose of this project?

The overall aim of the study is to learn about GPs attitudes towards preconception health promotion, whether and under what circumstances they talk to their male patients about this, and what resources might help them start a conversation about preconception health.

3. What does participation in this research project involve?

If you agree to take part you will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey about your attitudes and practice relating to preconception health promotion and your opinion about a new strategy to start a conversation about preconception health.

The survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

4. What are the possible benefits?

The information you provide will help us understand how GPs can best be supported to provide information to males about the importance of preconception health. In recognition your time you can enter a draw for one of three \$200 Coles-Myer gift cards once you have completed the survey.

Instructions will be provided at the end of the online survey about how to enter the draw.

5. What are the possible risks?

There are no foreseeable risks of participation.

6. Do I have to take part in this research project?

Participation in any research project is voluntary. It is your choice whether or not you take part in this research.

If you decide to take part and later change your mind, you can withdraw from the project before you submit your survey responses. However, once you have submitted your responses, we are unable to extract them from the pool of anonymous responses that we receive.

7. How will I be informed of the final results of this research project?

A summary of the findings of the research will be posted on the Andrology Australia website.

8. What will happen to information about me?

No identifying information about you will be collected. The anonymous responses you provide will be stored on password protected computers at Monash University.

9. Can I access research information kept about me?

Because information about you for this survey will be gathered and stored anonymously, it will not be possible for the researchers to give you access to it.

10. Is this research project approved?

The study is funded by the Victorian Assisted Reproductive Treatment Authority which delivers the 'Your fertility' health promotion program. The ethical aspects of this research project have been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committees of Monash University.

11. Who can I contact?

If you want any further information concerning this project or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the project, you can contact the researcher:

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

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