
INFORMATION SHEET

Title: End of Life Directions for Aged Care (ELDAC) – Interview/eSurvey

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Description of the study:

This study is part of the project entitled ‘*End of Life Directions for Aged Care (ELDAC)*’. This project will investigate how useful the ELDAC website is in supporting quality end of life care to aged care providers and GPs providing health care for recipients of aged care services. This project is supported by the ELDAC Project Team, in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Purpose of the study:

This project aims to:

- To provide online specialist palliative care and advance care planning advice to aged care providers and GPs providing health care for recipients of aged care services
- To identify ways to improve the online provision of information in the ELDAC website through formative evaluation.
- To determine how aged care staff use online information in their practice and the role online information can play in improving care for older Australians at the end of life.

What will I be asked to do?

Interview participants: Once we have confirmed that you can speak English and work in the aged care sector, a semi-structured interview will take place at a time and via a method that is most suitable to you (Skype or Zoom, or by phone). You will be asked about the ELDAC website and the role of online information in practice and care delivery. Participation is entirely voluntary. The interview is expected to take around 15 minutes. The interview will be recorded using a digital voice recorder to help with looking at the results. Once recorded, the interview will be transcribed (typed-up) and stored as a computer file. Any identifying names, jobs/roles or names of organisations/institutions mentioned by interviewees will be removed from the transcript prior to analysis.

eSurvey participants: The eSurvey is designed for those working in aged care and in receipt of an ELDAC newsletter or a subscriber to an ELDAC social media channel. The eSurvey which takes about 10 minutes to complete and can be completed at any time. You will be asked about the ELDAC website and the role of online information in practice and care delivery. Participation is entirely voluntary.

What benefit will I gain from being involved in this study?

The sharing of your experiences will assist in the improvement of the ELDAC website. These improvements will be available to you through the website as well as to other healthcare professionals. We are very keen to deliver resources that are as useful as possible to support quality care for Australians nearing the end of life. Upon completion of the interview or eSurvey you will also receive a \$25 digital gift card of your choice from <https://www.prezzee.com.au/> as reimbursement for your time.

Will I be identifiable by being involved in this study?

All data collected from you is treated as strictly confidential and will be kept securely on the Flinders University server with access limited to the research team. This includes all survey and interview data. Transcripts from interviews will be de-identified prior to analysis. No participant will be individually identifiable in any report or publication. It is a requirement that ELDAC share data collected from you with an external evaluator enlisted by the Australian Government Department of Health. This data however will be used to evaluate the program only - not the research, and any personal information that could identify you (i.e., contact information or other direct identifiers) will be removed before being shared with auditor.

Are there any risks or discomforts if I am involved?

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How do I agree to participate?

Participation is voluntary. You may answer 'no comment' or refuse to answer any questions and you are free to withdraw from any survey at any time without professional effect or consequences.

Interview participants: If you have elected to be interviewed, a consent form accompanies this information sheet. If you agree to participate, please read and sign the form and send it back to the ELDAC team at ELDAC.project@flinders.edu.au.

eSurvey participants: If you have elected to do the eSurvey, completion of the survey indicates that you have read the above information and you voluntarily agree to participate.

How will I receive feedback?

On project completion the outcomes of the project will be summarised on the ELDAC website.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet and we hope that you will accept our invitation to be involved.

This research project has been approved by the Flinders University Social and Behavioural Research Ethics Committee (Project number 7948). For more information regarding ethical approval of the project the Executive Officer of the Committee can be contacted by telephone on 8201 3116, by fax on 8201 2035 or by email human.researchethics@flinders.edu.au