



## PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

### *Perceptions of the scope of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) and differentiation from other similar specialities/professions among Dental students (Year 4-5), Medical students (Year 4-5), Trainee Interns (Year 6) and Pre-vocational Doctors (PGY1-3)*

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We invite you to take part in an online survey regarding the perceptions of the scope of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) and differentiation from other similar specialities/professions by dental students (Year 4-5), medical students (Year 4-5, Trainee Interns) and Pre-vocational doctors (PGY1-3).

Whether or not to participate is your choice. If you don't want to participate, you don't have to give a reason. If you take part but change your mind later, you can withdraw at any time before the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

This Participant Information Sheet will help you decide if you want to participate. It sets out why we are doing the study, what your participation would involve, what the benefits and risks to you might be, and what would happen after the study ends. You do not have to decide today whether or not you will participate in this study. Before you decide, you may want to talk about the study with other people, such as family, whānau, friends, or healthcare providers. Feel free to do this.

If you agree to take part in this study, you will be asked to sign the Consent Form (electronic) on the first page of the provided link in the email. You can be provided with a copy of both the Participant Information Sheet and the Consent Form to keep.

This document is 5 pages long, including the Consent Form. Please make sure you have read and understood contents in all the pages.

#### **What is the aim of the research project?**

This research project is being undertaken via University of Otago dental students, University of Otago and University of Auckland medical students and recent pre-vocational graduates in PGY1-3 years. It fulfils the research component for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) training program undertaken by one of the members in the research team.

The aim is to explore the current perceptions of the scope of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) and differentiation from other similar specialities/professions among dental students, medical students, and junior doctors, as these groups represent the future of medical and surgical care. There appears to be significant anecdotal confusion among the scope of OMFS and other similar specialities/professions, including Ear, Nose and Throat Surgery (ENT/ORL), Ophthalmology (Eye doctors), Plastics and Reconstructive Surgery (Plastics) and Dentistry (Dental). This may potentially lead to significant healthcare inefficiency and negatively impact patient care and outcomes. To date, this perspective is anecdotal in New Zealand.

### **Who are we seeking to participate in the project?**

Anyone of the following:

1. Enrolled as a **Dental student (Year 4-5)** at the University of Otago, or
2. Enrolled as a **Medical student (Year 4-5)** at the University of Otago or University of Auckland, or
3. Enrolled as a **Trainee Intern (Year 6) or “TI”** at the University of Otago or University of Auckland, or
4. Graduated from the University of Otago School of Medicine or University of Auckland School of Medicine and practising in Aotearoa / New Zealand as a **Pre-vocational Medical Doctor (PGY 1-3)**.

Medical students, trainee interns and pre-vocational doctors who are dentally qualified (those who have a degree in dentistry or dental surgery) are not eligible to participate. Dental students who are medically qualified (those who have a degree in medicine and surgery) are not eligible to participate.

### **What will participants be asked to do?**

Should you agree to take part in this project, you will be asked to:

- 1) Read the **Participant Information Sheet** in full (that is this document)
- 2) **Consent to participate** (via the electronic link provided in the email)
- 3) **Complete a (15-20-minute) survey** including:
  - a. General demographic information
  - b. Understanding of and exposure to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS)
  - c. Identify which surgical procedures are performed by either one or more of OMFS, ENT, Ophthalmology, Plastics and Dental.

### **Benefits and risks of participating in this study**

At the completion of the study, all participants who complete the survey in full will be entered into a draw to receive one of ten \$50 Countdown vouchers. Your choice to participate in the study is entirely voluntary, and you will not be negatively affected if you choose not to participate.

### **What about anonymity and confidentiality?**

Your participation in this study is strictly confidential. Any personal information, such as your name, age, gender, and contact details, will remain anonymous. The information collected from you will be deidentified and used only by the researchers involved in this project. The deidentified information (study data) will be stored securely at the University of Otago for a period of 10 years, after which time it will be destroyed.

The results of this study will be written up in the form of a journal article and published in a healthcare or education journal. Findings may also be presented at a conference. Nothing that could identify you will be used in anything we publish/ present at scientific forums.

**If I agree to participate, can I withdraw later?**

Your participation in this research is entirely voluntary, and you can withdraw at any time up until the end of the data collection phase (Aug 31 2023) with no disadvantage to you. To participate, you will need to fill in the accompanying consent form. You are welcome to request a copy of the final results of this research project if you desire. You have the right to access your personal data.

**What if I have any questions about the research project?**

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Robert Mane or A/Prof Harsha De Silva on 0800 866 840 during business hours.

