



**Consent Form
for GPs
'Rights, Risks and
Smoking'**

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Sponsor:

This project is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

Purpose:

Smoking has become a highly charged issue in primary care settings in recent years, with GPs under increased pressure to conduct smoking cessation with patients, and patients experiencing attendant pressure to quit smoking. The goal of this research is to understand more about the primary health care experiences and expectations of both smokers and the physicians who treat them. By exploring the perspectives of both groups, we anticipate that this research will lead to improved communication between patients and their GPs around the topic of smoking.

Study Procedures:

Your involvement will entail an interview or focus group of 30mins-1 hour where you will be asked about your perspective on smoking as a physician and your interactions with patients around smoking. With your permission the interview/focus group will be recorded and then transcribed to accurately record your views and opinions. If you would prefer the interview/focus group not to be recorded, written notes alone will be taken.

Project Outcomes:

Although the project outcomes will be determined by the research findings, possible research products will include: journal articles, a report, a brief for health care providers, and plain language summaries. Data from the project may also be re-analysed at a later point if they connect with the researchers' future projects.

Potential Benefits:

There are no explicit benefits to you by taking part in this study. However, the interview or focus group will provide you with the opportunity to voice your opinion on your experiences and will hopefully raise awareness of GPs' experiences around dealing with smoking in primary care settings.

If you are interested in learning about the results of this study, please provide your contact details at the bottom of this form. We will be in touch at the end of the project to provide a copy of the report and information on when we will be presenting the results.

Potential Risks:

Although the interview or focus group will deal with topics that you are likely to discuss with your patients in everyday practice, if it raises issues or feelings that you would like support in dealing with, the researcher can refer you to a counsellor, or to other resources in the community. You can terminate the



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Study Procedures:

Your involvement will entail an interview or focus group of 1-2 hours where you will be asked about your history of smoking, your personal perspective on smoking, your visits to your GP, and your interactions with your GP. With your permission the interview/focus group will be recorded and then transcribed to accurately record your views and opinions. If you would prefer the interview/focus group not to be recorded, written notes alone will be taken.

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Potential Benefits:

There are no explicit benefits to you by taking part in this study. However, the interview or focus group will provide you with the opportunity to voice your opinion on your experiences, and will hopefully raise awareness of how smokers and recent ex-smokers would like to interact with GPs in primary care settings, especially around the topic of smoking.

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Potential Risks:

As the interview or focus group will deal with the topic of smoking and your experiences in primary care settings, it is possible that it may raise issues or feelings that you would like support in dealing with. If this happens, the researcher can refer you to a free counselor, or to other resources in the community

that can help you. You can leave the interview or focus group at any time, and you do not have to answer any questions that make you feel uncomfortable. You can also withdraw your participation in the project at any time.

Confidentiality:

All hard copies of documents and recordings will be identified only by code number and kept in a locked filing cabinet. You will not be identified by name in either the recording or the interview transcript. Hard copies of the interview notes and transcripts will be stored in a locked filing cabinet in the office of the Principal Investigator and electronic copies will be kept on the local hard drives of team members' computers – all of which are password protected. Participants will not be identified by name in any reports of the completed study.

If you choose to take part in a focus group, only limited confidentiality can be offered. Although we encourage all participants to refrain from disclosing the contents of the discussion outside of the focus group, we cannot control what other participants do with the information discussed.

Remuneration/Compensation:

In order to acknowledge the time you have taken to be involved in this project and defray the costs of transportation, each participant will receive an honorarium in the amount of \$25.

Contact for information about the study:

If you have any questions or desire further information with respect to this study, you may contact Kirsten Bell (604.877.6000 ext. 2160; email: kbell@bccancer.bc.ca) or [REDACTED]

Contact for concerns about the rights of research subjects:

If you have any concerns about your treatment or rights as a research subject, you may contact the Research Subject Information Line in the UBC Office of Research Services at 604-822-8598 or if long distance e-mail to RSIL@ors.ubc.ca.

Consent:

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary and you may refuse to participate or withdraw from the study at any time.

Your signature below indicates that you have received a copy of this consent form for your own records.

Your signature indicates that you consent to participate in this study.

Subject Signature

Date

Please provide your contact details if you are interested in attending a presentation on the results of this study:

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Alternative #: _____

Email: _____

Do you smoke or have you quit recently?

Are you interested in talking about your health care experiences with GPs?

If so, we would like to hear from you.

You are invited to participate in a **1-2 hour interview or focus group** where you will be asked questions about your interactions with GPs around smoking and your experiences as a patient.

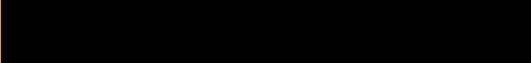
You will receive a **\$25 honorarium for your time.**



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To find out more about the Rights, Risks and Smoking study please contact



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