

Hello,

I am a Physiotherapist and PhD student at The University of Melbourne. I have spent most of my career working in rehabilitation and in my PhD research I am investigating how interprofessional communication is enacted in rehabilitation. The aim of this project is to understand the communication practices of healthcare professionals in interprofessional rehabilitation teams and what contributes to effective team communication.

I am hoping to recruit participants from medicine, nursing, and allied health disciplines with at least six months of experience working in inpatient rehabilitation to be involved in this project.

Through this recruitment I hope to capture a diverse range of health professions working in inpatient rehabilitation to discuss their experiences.

What does this involve? Involvement at this phase of research includes a semi-structured interview which will be approximately 45-60 minutes in length. The questions aim to explore your experiences of interprofessional communication (for example, how does your rehabilitation team communicate, who is involved in communication, examples of interprofessional communication). The interview will either be via the online platform Zoom or via telephone at a time convenient to you. With permission the interview will be audio recorded and electronic notes will also be made during the interview.

What are the benefits? The results of these interviews will be used to develop learning resources for rehabilitation teams and undergraduate health professionals. This study has the potential to support the development of a curriculum that will create health professionals who have the skills to communicate effectively within an interprofessional team. The results may therefore impact on health professionals entering our workforce, and on the quality of patient care. As a participant, you are unlikely to derive direct benefit other than the enjoyment of critical reflection of your experiences and helping us to think about the potential for new ways of teaching and learning in the field of interprofessional communication.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, if you are interested in participating in this study or would like any further information please contact me via email or phone.

Best wishes,

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