

Information Sheet | Evaluation of HealthPathways – An international appraisal of usage, experiences and opinions.

Research Details

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Overview

The purpose of our study is to evaluate aspects of HealthPathways (HP) a clinical decision support and referral portal for both primary and secondary care across Australia and New Zealand. HealthPathways involves General Practitioners (GPs), specialists and other key stakeholders working through local clinical issues to develop clinical pathways available through an online portal. The study aims to evaluate the usage, experiences and opinions of GPs, Nurse Practitioners, Hospital Clinicians, Allied Health Professionals, Practice and Hospital Managers in order to understand the barriers and facilitators to using HealthPathways.

Objectives:

This project will explore clinician experiences and opinions in order to identify:

- How clinicians feel about the HealthPathways concept;
- Clinician experiences of being end-users of HealthPathways;
- Perceptions of barriers and/or facilitators of using HealthPathways;
- How clinicians have found the experience of being involved in a HealthPathways workgroup;
- Any changes for HealthPathways in the future.

Your role

By participating in this research, you will be asked to complete an online survey (link below), which will take approximately 10 minutes of your time. The information collected throughout this process will be kept confidential.

Results from the study may be published, however your anonymity will be maintained throughout the research and you will not be identified in any way. All participants do so voluntarily without reward and may withdraw from the survey at any time. No sensitive information will be collected and there are no known negative consequences for participants.

By clicking on the survey link below, you consent in taking part in this survey and are willing to answer the questions.

Click here to start the survey → <https://is.gd/HealthPathwaysSurvey>

Research Queries

Curtin University Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) has approved this study (HREC number SPH-09-2014-05). Should you wish to discuss the study with someone not directly involved, in particular, any matters concerning the conduct of the study or your rights as a participant, or you wish to make a confidential complaint, you may contact the Ethics Officer on (08) 9266 9223 or the Manager, Research Integrity on (08) 9266 7093 or email hrec@curtin.edu.au