Developing and validating haemodialysis nurse sensitive indicators

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What is the purpose of the research?
The purpose of this research is to identify a set potential or actual nurse sensitive indicators. These indicators best reflect the components or parts of a patient’s care that is directly influenced by our nursing practice. The development and validation of these indicators will then be used to improve and direct future nursing care.

Are you looking for people like me?
The research team is looking for expert nurses who meets the following criteria:
- Currently practicing in a haemodialysis setting.
- More than 5 years of haemodialysis experience.
- Appointed as a clinical nurse or higher.
- Hold a post graduate qualification in nephrology nursing.

What will you ask me to do?
Your participation would involve undertaking online surveys as part of a Delphi study design which aims to reach consensus from participants. Normally a Delphi study involves three rounds, rarely there might be a fourth round (survey).

Each survey will comprise three sections. The first section includes an explanatory statement to describe the study and information on to how to complete the survey. The second section will collect some demographic information about you, such as, your current length of employment or present job position. You will also be asked to provide an email address. The email address you provide will be used to contact you for further rounds of the study. The final section includes questions based upon some potential nurse sensitive indicators. You will be asked to grade each of the nurse sensitive indicators using a Likert response rating scale. In addition, you may be asked to rate how important these indicators are and how often these tasks should be performed. A space for your comments will be provided at the end of each section.

Are there any risks for me in taking part?
There are minimal risks associated with your participation in this research. It should be noted that if you do agree to participate you can withdraw from participation at any time during the project without comment or penalty. The completion of these surveys is an indication of your consent to participate in this study.

Are there any benefits for me in taking part?
It is expected that this project will not benefit you directly. However, it may benefit future nursing practice and will increase our understanding of the role the nurse plays in patient care.

Will I be compensated for my time?
No, but we would very much appreciate your participation in this research.

I am interested – what should I do next?
If you are interested in participating in this study, please follow this link to the study site:


Alternatively, you can contact the researcher for details of the next step:

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You will be provided with further information to ensure that your decision and consent to participate is fully informed.

Thank You! QUT Ethics Approval Number: 170000441