Participant Information Leaflet

The impact of the management of an event of postpartum haemorrhage (PPH) and current staff debriefing practices in maternity units in Ireland

INTRODUCTION

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide whether to take part it is important for you to understand why we are doing this research and what is involved. Please take time to read this leaflet, and if you want to, discuss it with your colleagues, family, or friends. Please feel free to ask us if anything is not clear, or if you would like more information. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

ABOUT THE STUDY

We invite you to complete this survey about the impact of the management of an event of postpartum haemorrhage (PPH) and current staff debriefing practices in your maternity unit or hospital. This study is part of a larger project, which has the overall aim of standardising the management of PPH in maternity units in Ireland. As part of this process, we are interested in learning more about the impact and debriefing practices in your unit.

WHY HAVE I BEEN CHOSEN?

We are asking all staff to participate to share their views and ideas. Your views and opinions are essential to better understand and make improvements to the staff debriefing process following a PPH.

DO I HAVE TO TAKE PART?

No, participation is completely voluntary and if you do decide to participate it will in no way affect your job. You are free to refrain from participation in this study or to withdraw from the study at any time.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME IF I TAKE PART?

Participation involves completing the following online survey. The survey contains questions on your experience of a PPH event and how it may have affected you. There are several questions which will ask for your views on staff debriefing and what should be available. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. The main goal of the survey is to learn about the these practices in units to allow us to develop an education standardised toolkit that will be available to all staff.

You will not be asked to give any personal information. Your responses to the survey will be digitally recorded using the website REDCap software, which is hosted by University College Cork (UCC). The data from this study will be stored on a password-encrypted computer connected to the UCC server. The responses from the survey will be analysed by the study investigators. Some questions in the survey will ask you for a longer free text response. Any data in your response that identifies you, other individuals and/or organisations will be anonymised for the analysis.

BENEFITS, RISKS and SAFETY

The findings from this study will inform the development and implementation of a standardised staff debriefing tool for use in Ireland. This will be in line with recommendations from the National Perinatal Epidemiology Centre (NPEC) in recent years. There is a need to standardise the staff debriefing process to ensure staff feel well supported following an event. As this is a non-interventional study, the risks associated with this study are believed to be minimal.

If any of the questions or any of your answers cause you concern or worry please don't hesitate to contact the research team either Joye McKernan or Professor Richard Greene at 021 420 5053 or email joye.mckernan@ucc.ie and r.greene@ucc.ie . Also please don't hesitate view supports on https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/healthwellbeing/

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE INFORMATION COLLECTED?

The study data will solely be accessible to the study research team. All information collected about you will be kept private and confidential and will be stored on the UCC server in a password-encrypted file. The information collected will be anonymous. You are not asked to submit any identifiable information.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE INFORMATION FROM THE STUDY?

Data which you provide to us will be treated with the highest standards of security and confidentiality, in accordance with Irish and European Data Protection legislation.

The General Data Protection Regulation allows us to process your data because you have provided your consent. Your personal information will be stored securely at Cork University Maternity Hospital.

INSURANCE

This study is covered by the Clinical Indemnity Scheme, which is operated by the State Claims Agency for staff working in the health services.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE RESULTS OF THIS RESEARCH?

Results of this research will be used to develop a toolkit for use by staff and will inform future projects. The results may be published in medical journals and presented at professional or scientific meetings.

FOR HOW LONG WILL THIS DATA BE KEPT?

As per research procedures we store your anonymous de-identified data for future related research for a period of 25 years. Further research analyses may be performed but this will be subject to further ethics approval if applicable. If you have any complaints in connection with our processing of data, you can contact UCC's Information Compliance Manager:

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University College Cork

Western Road, Cork

E: foi@ucc.ie Tel: +353 21 4903949

You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Commission. Details of how to lodge a complaint can be found on the Data Protection Commission's website (www.dataprotection.ie), or by telephoning 1890 252 231.

WHO HAS REVIEWED THIS STUDY?

All research in Ireland is carefully reviewed by an independent group of people, called a Research Ethics Committee, to protect your safety, rights, wellbeing, and dignity. This study has been approved by the Clinical Research Ethics Committee of the Cork Teaching Hospitals (CREC).

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I DO NOT WISH TO CARRY ON IN THIS STUDY?

You are free to withdraw at any time, for any reason and without giving a reason. This will not affect your employment.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

If you have any further questions regarding this study, please contact the Study Investigator: Dr Joye McKernan, telephone: 021 4920503, email: pphqii@ucc.ie

https://www.ucc.ie/en/npec/researchprojects/postpartumhaemorrhagequalityimprovementinitiative/