**ICU staff questionnaire**

**Perspectives on enhancing consent and recruitment in intensive care studies:**

**The PERSPECTIVES survey**

We are inviting you to take part in a questionnaire about your **views of clinical research studies** in the intensive care unit (ICU). Your views are very important to us, even if you have not been involved with research. The information you provide will help doctors and nurses to improve the ways that patients and families are invited to take part in ICU research studies in the future. This questionnaire is being organised by researchers at the University of Liverpool, and is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).

The information you give us will be treated in strict confidence and used only for research purposes. Data will be archived (stored) at the University of Liverpool for possible use in future approved studies but we will always make sure no one can be identified from this data.

You can take part in this questionnaire without giving us your name/contact details. If you are willing for us to contact you further about the Perspectives study, there’s a sheet at the end of the questionnaire for providing your name and contact details. We will always keep your name/contact details separate from the questionnaire so your answers cannot be linked to you by anyone outside the Perspectives research team. When our study is over we will destroy all contact details we hold for you. To find out more, or if there is a problem, please contact the researcher, Katie Paddock on 0151 795 5421 or Perspectives@liverpool.ac.uk, who will be happy to help.

Please place the completed questionnaire in the envelope provided and hand it to the member of staff who gave it to you, or return to us in the envelope provided (no stamp needed). Alternatively, you can complete the questionnaire online at **https://perspectives.moresurvey.de**

**Note: We refer to people agreeing to take part in research as giving ‘consent’**

**When we refer to ‘family members’ we mean the people close to you (e.g. friends), as well as relatives**

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DATE SURVEY GIVEN: / /

**Are you**: Male  Female  Other

**Age:** 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74

**Your current role:**

Nurse (no research duties)  Research Nurse 

Doctor (no research duties)  Doctor (with research duties)

Allied Health Professional Pharmacist 

**How many years’ experience do you have in the clinical care of ICU patients?**

0-5 6-10 11-15 16-20 21-25 26-30 30+

1. **Have you ever been involved in the screening, recruitment, or consenting of patients to research studies within the ICU?**

Yes  No  Unsure 

1. **Please list below the names of any ICU studies that you are currently involved in, apart from this questionnaire:**

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1. **These questions are about your general experience of clinical research studies in the ICU in relation to the family members of patients**

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| **How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**  *(Tick one box per question)* | Strongly  Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly  Agree |
| 1. Overall, the information family members are given about clinical research studies is clear |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Family members have little opportunity to ask questions about clinical research studies |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. It is hard for family members to take in information about clinical research studies |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Family members are given enough time to think about whether or not the patient should take part in a clinical research study |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Family members feel pressure to agree to the patient being involved in the clinical research study |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. It is possible to talk to families about clinical research studies in ways that are sensitive to their needs |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. It is possible to inform family members of the risks and benefits of clinical research studies |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Family members trust the people who talk to them about clinical research studies |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. It is hard for family members to decide on behalf of a patient whether or not he/she should take part in a clinical research studies |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Strongly  Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly  Agree |
| 1. The people involved in research have the knowledge and skills to answer patients’ questions about clinical research studies |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Family members feel comfortable in making a decision about whether the patient should to take part in the research study |  |  |  |  |  |

1. **These questions are about your general experience of clinical research in the ICU in relation to patients**

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| **How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**  *(Tick one box per question)* | Strongly  Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly  Agree |
| 1. Overall, the information patients are given about clinical research studies is clear |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Patients have little opportunity to ask questions about clinical research studies |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. It is hard for patients to take in information about clinical research studies |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Patients are given enough time to think about whether or not they want to take part in a clinical research study |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Patients feel pressure to take part in clinical research studies |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. It is possible to talk to patients about clinical research studies in ways that are sensitive to their needs |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Strongly  Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly  Agree |
| 1. It is possible to inform patients of the risks and benefits of clinical research studies |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Patients trust the people who talk to them about clinical research studies |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. It is hard for patients to decide whether or not they should take part in a clinical research study |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. The people involved in research have the knowledge and skills to answer patients’ questions about the clinical research study |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Patients feel comfortable in making a decision about whether they should take part in the clinical research study |  |  |  |  |  |

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1. **These questions are about your views on clinical research studies involving ICU patients when they are too ill to make decisions for themselves.** Please complete these questions whether or not research is part of your role

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| **How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**  *(Tick one box per question)* | Strongly  Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly  Agree |
| 1. All ICU patients should take part in clinical research studies, unless a doctor advises against it |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Clinical research in the ICU is important to help other patients in the future |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. I assume that treatments given to patients on the ICU have already been thoroughly tested in clinical research studies |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. I would only want to take part in a clinical research study if my own health might benefit |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. When an ICU patient is too ill to decide for themselves, it is acceptable for a member of their family to decide whether the patient should be included in a clinical research study |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. When an ICU patient is too ill to decide for themselves, and time is too short to contact a family member, it is acceptable for doctors to decide whether the patient should be included in a clinical research study |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. When an ICU patient is too ill to decide for themselves, and there are no known family members to contact, it is acceptable for doctors to decide whether the patient should be included in a clinical research study |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Strongly  Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly  Agree |
| 1. When an ICU patient is too ill to decide for themselves, and there is a known family member, but they cannot be reached, it is acceptable for doctors to decide whether the patient should be included in a clinical research study |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. When an ICU patient is too ill to decide for themselves, it is acceptable for a doctor to ask a family member over the phone for an opinion on whether the patient should be included in the clinical research study |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. If I was too ill to make a decision for myself, I would be upset if a doctor had consented on my behalf for me to be included in a clinical research study |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. If I was too ill to make a decision for myself I would be upset if a family member had consented on my behalf for me to be included in a clinical research study |  |  |  |  |  |

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1. **We would value any comments or suggestions you have about the recruitment and consent in clinical research within the ICU. Please use the space below:**

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**Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire**

As part of this study we will be interviewing about 30 of the staff members who return the questionnaires, to learn more about their perspectives on ICU clinical research. If you are interested in the possibility of taking part in an interview, please tick the box below and provide your name and contact details. We only have a small research team and so we hope you will understand if we are unable to interview everyone who expresses an interest.

Please also tick the box and give us your contact details if you’d like us to let you know about the study findings when these are available.

Only the Perspectives research team will have access to your name and contact details. These will be stored separately from your questionnaire and in accordance with Data Protection guidelines. We will destroy any contact details we hold for you once the study is completed.

**I agree to being contacted by the Perspectives research team for the purpose of:**

1. being contacted about the possibility of taking part in an interview with a researcher 
2. receiving a summary of findings of the questionnaire (expected in 2019) 

**Name** *(BLOCK CAPITALS)*

**Address:** *(BLOCK CAPITALS)*

**Postcode:**

**Phone: Mobile:**

**Email:**

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