

## Participant Information Form (Intervention wards)

<b>Title</b>	Establishing the effectiveness, cost-effectiveness and student experience of simulation training for the prevention of falls amongst hospitalised inpatients
<b>Short Title</b>	STOP-Falls: Simulation Training On Prevention
<b>Protocol Number</b>	1.3
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<b>Location</b> <i>(where CPI/PI will recruit)</i>	Frankston

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Prevention of falls is an Australian quality and safety priority particularly within health care services. There is little education about falls prevention strategies provided to undergraduate health professional students, either during university subjects or on orientation to Peninsula Health. The research team are interested in determining if undergraduate students are trained in falls prevention, does that impact on falls within the inpatient setting and does training improve the knowledge and falls prevention strategies of students.

You are invited to take part in this research project. You will be receiving falls prevention simulation training as part of your student placement due to the ward you will be working on as part of your placement. We are interested in hearing about your experiences as part of this training. Please keep this information sheet.

Participation in answering these questions is voluntary. If you don't wish to answer these questions, you don't have to. Your clinical placement supervisors will not be notified of your participation choice. Please read this explanatory statement in full before making a decision. It is not expected that you will directly benefit from this research and there is no payment for being part of this research.

If you choose to participate you will be asked to complete three surveys involving:

1. A before and after simulation paper questionnaire (5-10 minutes)
2. An online questionnaire at the end of your placement (5-10 minutes) that is emailed from your student coordinators. This will be collected through a survey platform: Qualtrics.: The privacy statement of Qualtrics may be accessed here: <http://qualtrics.com/privacy-statement/>

There are no questions within these questionnaires expected to cause emotional distress or discomfort. You can withdraw your consent at any time simply by not returning your questionnaire or completing it online. If you do consent and answer questions at any time point, anything you have answered will be used within the research. You will not be able to withdraw the answers to any questions you have answered.

The results of these questionnaires are confidential. You will be asked to create a unique code so we can match your answers at each time point. We won't be able to identify you from these questions or code. Your responses will only be viewed by the research team.

The collected responses will be stored in accordance with Australian Privacy Regulations, and kept as a data file that is password protected for 5 years. After this, the file will be deleted. A report of this study will be submitted for publication, but individuals will not be identifiable in this report.

On completion of the third and final survey, you will have the opportunity to enter a prize draw. Only one entry is allowed and you may win one of 20, \$20 Coles Group & Myer gift cards. This is a game of chance and has two draws. Ten (10) will be drawn on the 21st of December and another 10 on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July. You also have the option to leave your email at the completion of the third survey if you would like a copy of the outcomes of this research.

This research has been approved Peninsula Health Human Research Ethics Committee (LRR15/PH/11)

If you would like to contact the research team about aspects of this study or have a complaint concerning the manner in which this research is being conducted, please contact:

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If you have any complaints about any aspect of the project, the way it is being conducted or any questions about being a research participant in general, then you may contact:

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