

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

### College of Emergency Nursing Australasia (CENA) members

**Project:** Emergency nurses' preparedness for paediatric emergencies

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You are invited to take part in this study. Please read this Explanatory Statement in full before deciding whether or not to participate in this research. If you would like further information regarding any aspect of this project, you are encouraged to contact the researchers via the phone numbers or email addresses listed above.

#### What does the research involve?

Approximately 22% of emergency department (ED) presentations are paediatrics, yet paediatric emergencies are infrequent. Studies have shown that nurses are not comfortable providing care during a paediatric emergency. The aims of the research are to:

1. Identify confidence of emergency nurses in caring for a paediatric emergency
2. Identify the perceived competence of emergency nurses in caring for the paediatric emergency
3. Identify the current paediatric education available to emergency nurses
4. Make recommendations regarding continuing paediatric education

Your participation is voluntary. If you choose to partake you will be invited to participate in an on-line survey to explore emergency nurses' preparedness to care for a paediatric emergency in the ED.

#### Why were you chosen for this research?

As a member of the College of Emergency Nursing Australasia (CENA) you will be able to give the researchers the information to explore the confidence, perceived confidence of emergency nurses in caring for paediatric emergencies, as well identify current education relating to paediatrics presenting the ED.

#### Consenting to participate in the project and withdrawing from the research

Implied consent will be assumed with the return of the survey. You have the right to withdraw from participation prior to completing the survey. Once you have completed the survey your response will not be able to be removed from the research as all responses are de-identified.

#### Possible benefits and risks to participants

Participants will be encouraged to identify their own level of preparation to care for paediatric patients and paediatric emergencies. This may assist participants to identify areas for their professional development. The research team believe there to be very little risk of potential inconvenience or discomfort to you by participating in this research. The on-line survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete at a time convenient to yourself. There will be no payment or reward offered, financial or otherwise, for participation in the research study

### **Services on offer if adversely affected**

If you are adversely affected by participating in this research, you can contact the Employer Assist Program (EAP) at your place of employment.

This service is not related to the researchers/research team.

### **Confidentiality**

All data collected from the survey will be de-identified. Results will be disseminated through conference presentations and via academic journals in a totally de-identified summary form, in which no individual can be identified. All publications will be available and students can request a copy of the results from the Chief Investigator.

### **Storage of data**

Data will be stored on a password-protected computer in the locked office of Dr Julia Morphet. All data relating to this research project will be kept for 5 years before being disposed as per Monash University policy.

### **Results**

Results will be disseminated through conference presentations and via academic journals in a totally de-identified summary form, in which no individual can be identified. All publications will be available and students can request a copy of the results from the Chief Investigator.

### **Complaints**

Should you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of the project, you are welcome to contact the Executive Officer, Monash University Human Research Ethics (MUHREC):

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Thank you,

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