

**CHILDREN'S HEALTH QUEENSLAND
HEALTH PROVIDER - GP INFORMATION STATEMENT**



Project Title	Why families present to a Queensland tertiary paediatric emergency department		
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Thank you for taking the time to read this **Health Provider - GP Information Statement**. We would like to ask you to participate in a research project that is explained below.

It is ok to say no

What is an Information Statement?

These pages tell you about the research project. It explains to you clearly and openly all the steps and procedures of the project. The information is to help you decide whether or not you would like to take part in the research. Please read this Information Statement carefully.

Before you decide if you want to take part or not, you can ask us any questions you have about the project. You may want to talk about the project with your family, friends or health care worker.

Important things to know

- It is your choice whether or not you take part in the research. You do not have to agree if you do not want to.
- If you decide you do not want to take part, it will not affect your relationship with Children's Health Queensland (Queensland Children's Hospital).

If you would like to take part in the research project, please complete the survey provided by the Researcher. By completing the survey, you are providing us with consent and are telling us that you:

- understand what you have read
- had a chance to ask questions and received satisfactory answers
- consent to you taking part in the project

We will give you a copy of this information and consent form to keep.

1. What is the research project about?

This research project will collect information on why parents/carers bring their children to the emergency department (ED). It will also collect information from health providers who work in the ED, and GPs who refer children and young people to the ED.

This will help us know how we can connect our families to other services better.

There is no physical involvement to this research.

2. Who is funding the research project?

There is no funding for this research project.

3. What is expected of me?

- You will be asked to participate in a short survey asking questions about:
 - Why you think children and families come to QCH ED for non-urgent or low-acuity conditions
 - Why you might refer children and families to QCH ED for non-urgent or low-acuity conditions

Remember, you can withdraw from the project at any time.

You will not be compensated for joining this research project.

4. What if I wish to withdraw from the research project?

- Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your future relationship with staff at the Queensland Children's Hospital.
- If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw your consent and to stop taking part at any time.

5. What are the possible benefits for me, or my child and other people in the future?

- The information from the surveys will be used to help the Queensland Children's Hospital plan and connect care better for families who come to the emergency department.

6. What are the possible risks?

- There are no physical risks to this research.
- You do not have to answer all of the questions.

7. What will be done to make sure my information is confidential?

- The surveys will be deidentified.
- Research data may be accessed by auditors, ethics committee or regulatory authorities.
- Research data gathered from the results of the study may be published, however there will be no identifying data used (no names or dates of birth, or other information that may be identifiable).

8. Who should I contact for more information?

If you would like more information about the project or if you need to speak to a member of the research team during office hours, please contact:

Name: Hannah Johnson
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HREC Information:

The Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) has approved this study. If you have any concerns and/or complaints about the project, the way it is being conducted or your child's rights as a research participant, and would like to speak to someone independent of the project, please contact the HREC Coordinator on: 3069 7002 or email CHQETHICS@health.qld.gov.au

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