

Combination Recruitment and Consent Page

For the research study entitled: Medical Device Safety: Understanding Healthcare Professionals' Barriers to Effective Cleaning and Disinfection

Hello,

My name is Caroline Etland. I am a faculty member in the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science at the University of San Diego, San Diego, CA. I am conducting a research study about infection prevention and I would like to invite you to participate.

The purpose of this study is to evaluate awareness of the new Joint Commission Infection Control standards, describe operational issues surrounding cleaning and disinfection of medical devices, and summarize suggestions for improvement for manufacturer's Instructions for Use (IFUs). You invited to participate because you are a healthcare professional who is involved with preventing and/or mitigating healthcare-associated infections.

If you decide to participate, you will be asked to complete an online survey once that takes about 5 minutes to complete. I will ask things like: "Who is responsible for creating cleaning and disinfection processes for medical devices at your facility?"

You will also be asked a few questions about yourself, such as your age, gender, race and years of experience in infection prevention.

This study involves no more risk than the risks you encounter in daily life. Your responses will be confidential and all your information will be coded with a number. Your email or IP address will be deleted, and nobody will know your identity. I will keep the study data for a minimum of 5 years. You will receive no compensation for your participation in the study.

Taking part in this study is optional. ***Choosing not to participate will have no effect on your employment status, grades, or any other benefits to which you are entitled.*** You may also quit being in the study at any time or decide not to answer any specific questions. Should you decide to participate, ***please print out a hardcopy or save an electronic copy of this page for your record.***

I will be happy to answer any questions you have about the study. You may contact me at I am happy to answer any questions regarding this study. You can contact me at cetland@sandiego.edu. You can also contact Cynthia Connelly at connelyc@sandiego.edu.

Thank you for your consideration.

Caroline Etland

If you would like to participate, please click on this link or QR code to begin the study:



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