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## **Appendix 10: Focus Group Interview GRN Consent**



GRADUATE NURSE FOCUS GROUPS:

Dear Colleague,

I am currently enrolled as a PhD candidate at the University of Notre Dame Australia, School of Nursing and Midwifery. My PhD research project is entitled "The identification of the role and competencies of the graduate nurse in recognising and responding to the deteriorating patient in an acute ward environment: A mixed methods study". It explores the role of the graduate nurse in caring for the acutely unwell deteriorating ward patient and identifies the competencies that are important in caring for these patients.

There are four phases within the research study, two of which involve graduate nurses and data collection. The first phase of data collection has been completed and involved asking graduate nurses to complete several online questionnaires related to the management of the deteriorating patient.

The second phase of data collection will involve focus group interviews and this is where I need your help. The focus groups will involve graduate nurses and will explore their roles, competencies and possible future training needs to manage the deteriorating ward patient.

I am therefore inviting you to participate in a focus group at SJOGH Subiaco. Each group will involve around 5 to 8 graduate nurses from different areas/departments of the hospital along with myself as the group facilitator. The focus group will last around 40 minutes and will be undertaken at the end of pre-organised study day within SJOGH Subiaco (dates to be confirmed).

As the facilitator, I will ask a number of open questions to the group and hopefully this will generate a discussion of ideas from the group. The focus group discussions will be audio recorded by myself and I will also make notes whilst the group is discussing the different questions.

Participation in the focus groups is completely voluntary and participants can opt out of the focus groups at any time. All information shared within the group will be anonymised and will remain confidential. All recorded information will be stored in accordance with strict data protection protocols. The project has been approved by the University of Notre Dame Australia Human Research Ethics Committee.

I hope you will be able to join the focus groups. A consent form for involvement in the focus groups is included below. If you are keen to be involved please could you sign and date the consent form and return it to..... Once the consent forms have been collated, I will contact you to let you know the dates for the focus groups. Thanks again for your involvement.

Kind regards

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## CONSENT FORM: GRADUATE NURSE FOCUS GROUPS

Title of Project: *"The identification of the role and competencies of the graduate nurse in recognising and responding to the deteriorating patient in an acute ward environment: A mixed methods study".*

Name of Researcher: **Steven Hardman**

Please initial

1. I confirm that I have read and understand the information concerning the above study and have had the opportunity to ask questions.
2. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time, without giving reason or legal rights being affected.
3. I agree to take part in the focus groups for the above PhD study and will treat all information disclosed as confidential.

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Name of Participant                      Date                      Signature

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Researcher                      Date                      Signature