



**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT AND CONSENT FORM**

Travel health perception and practices of travel agents and travellers visiting friends and relatives (VFR)  
Dr Anita Heywood

The research study is being carried out by the following researchers:		
Role	Name	Organisation
Chief Investigator	Dr Anita Heywood	University of New South Wales
Co-Investigator/s	Dr Holly Seale	University of New South Wales
	Professor Raina MacIntyre	University of New South Wales
	Professor Nick Zwar	University of New South Wales
	A/Prof Heather Worth	University of New South Wales
	Dr Mohamud Sheikh	University of New South Wales
	Dr Mitchell Smith	NSW Refugee Health Service
Research Funder	This research is being funded by the Australian Research Council Discovery Project grant scheme.	

**What is the research study about?**

You are invited to take part in this research study. You have been invited because you are aged 18 years or more and your contact details were obtained from the online Travel Health Survey that you completed and you wished to participate in the interview.

To participate in this project you need to meet the following inclusion criteria:

- Provide informed consent;
- Complete the online Travel Health Survey, if you have not done so already;

The research study is aiming to determine travel agents' perception of travel risks, perceived barriers and role in the provision of health advice to VFR travellers; current information sources and their cultural appropriateness; and travel agents role in the provision of health advice to VFR travellers.

**Do I have to take part in this research study?**

Participation in this research study is voluntary. If you don't wish to take part, you don't have to. Your decision will not affect your relationship with The University of New South Wales.

This Participant Information Statement and Consent Form tells you about the research study. It explains the tasks involved. Knowing what is involved will help you decide if you want to take part in the research. Please read this information carefully.

If you decide you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Sign the consent form ;
- Keep a copy of this Participant Information Statement;

**What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?**

If you decide to take part in the research study, you will be asked to complete an online questionnaire, which will ask you questions about your knowledge, attitudes and practices (KAP) towards travel health and provision of health advice to travellers who visit friends and relatives. We expect this activity to take up to 10 minutes.



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We will also ask if you are interested in helping distribute a survey to your clients who are travelling to visit friends and relatives in countries in South Asia via email.

You can choose which parts of this study you would like to participate in. There is no risk involved in this study.

### **Will I be paid to participate in this project?**

If you participate in the online survey, your name will be entered into a draw to win one of two iPad minis valued at \$368 each. You will be provided with a shopping voucher of \$75 after your participation in the interview.

### **What are the possible benefits to participation?**

We hope to use information from this research study to benefit travellers who are at increased risk of contracting a range of travel-associated infectious diseases through identifying methods for disseminating travel health information. The study will provide important information on how we can educate travellers about the risks of infectious diseases that are common in South Asia.

### **What will happen to information about me?**

Any information obtained in connection with this research study that can identify you will remain confidential. Once we have completed our data collection and analysis, we will import the data we collect to the UNSW server. We will keep your data for 7 years.

It is anticipated that the results of this research study will be published and/or presented in a variety of forums. In any publication and/or presentation, information will be provided in such a way that your research findings may be published, but you will not be individually identifiable in these publications.

### **How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?**

You have a right to receive feedback about the overall results of this study. You can tell us that you wish to receive feedback by sending an email to the chief investigator at any time. This feedback will be in the form of a one page summary of the study findings provided after the study is finished.

### **What if I want to withdraw from the research study?**

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. If you do withdraw, you will be asked to complete and sign the 'Withdrawal of Consent Form' which is provided at the end of this document. Alternatively you can ring the research team and tell them you no longer want to participate.

You are free to stop the interview at any time. If you decide to leave the research study, the researchers will not collect additional information from you. You may also refuse to answer any questions that you do not wish to answer during the interview. You can withdraw your responses to interview questions if you change your mind about having them included in the study, up to the point that we have analysed and published the results.

### **What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?**



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The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you want any further information concerning this project or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the project, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

**Research Team Contact**

<b>Name</b>	Dr Anita Heywood
<b>Position</b>	Chief Investigator
<b>Telephone</b>	02 9385 3667
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:a.heywood@unsw.edu.au">a.heywood@unsw.edu.au</a>

If at any stage during the project you become distressed or require additional support from someone not involved in the research please call:

**What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?**

If you have any complaints about any aspect of the project, the way it is being conducted, then you may contact:

**Complaints Contact**

<b>Position</b>	Human Research Ethics Coordinator
<b>Telephone</b>	+ 61 2 9385 6222
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:humanethics@unsw.edu.au">humanethics@unsw.edu.au</a>
<b>HC Reference Number</b>	



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## Consent Form – Participant providing own consent

### Declaration by the participant

- I have read the Participant Information Sheet or someone has read it to me in a language that I understand;
- I understand the purposes, study tasks and risks of the research described in the project;
- I have had an opportunity to ask questions and I am satisfied with the answers I have received;
- I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the project and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
- I understand that I will be given a signed copy of this document to keep;

### Participant Signature

Name of Participant (please print)	
Signature of Research Participant	
Date	

### Declaration by Researcher\*

- I have given a verbal explanation of the research study, its study activities and risks and I believe that the participant has understood that explanation.

### Researcher Signature\*

Name of Participant (please print)	
Signature of Research Participant	
Date	

\*An appropriately qualified member of the research team must provide the explanation of, and information concerning the research study.

**Note:** All parties signing the consent section must date their own signature.

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## Form for Withdrawal of Participation

I wish to **WITHDRAW** my consent to participate in the research proposal described above and understand that such withdrawal **WILL NOT** affect my relationship with The University of New South Wales.

### Participant Signature

Name of Participant (please print)	
Signature of Research Participant	
Date	

### The section for Withdrawal of Participation should be forwarded to:

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