



**ONLINE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT**  
University student travel-health and immunity study

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
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	Professor Nick Zwar	University of New South Wales
	Dr Bill Kefalas	University of New South Wales
Research Funder	This research is being funded by GSK	

**What is the research study about?**

You are invited to take part in this online research study. You have been invited because you are a UNSW undergraduate or postgraduate student aged 18 years and older.

The research study aims to determine the self-reported vaccination history and travel health knowledge, attitudes and practices of Australian University students.

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

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

**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 vaccination and travel history and about your use of travel health precautions. We expect this activity to take up to 10 minutes. It will not collect any identifiable information about you.

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

There are no costs associated with participating in this research study, nor will you be paid.

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

Further research into the risk perception and practices of this at risk population will assist in the design of travel health campaigns tailored to the unique needs of young travellers.

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

By clicking on the 'I agree' button you consent to the research team collecting and using information from the questionnaire you complete for the research study. We will keep your data for 7 years. It is anticipated that the results of this research study will be published in a variety of forums. In any output information will be provided in such a way that you will not be individually identifiable.



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

Study results will be reported back to the university community through a range of university student communication channels and will also be posted on the SPHCM homepage: <https://sphcm.med.unsw.edu.au/>

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

Submitting your completed questionnaire is an indication of your consent to participate in the study. You can withdraw your responses any time before you have submitted the questionnaire. Once you have submitted it, your responses cannot be withdrawn because they are anonymous and therefore we will not be able to tell which one is yours.

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

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
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**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
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<b>HC Reference Number</b>	HC15205

## Consent Form

**Declaration by the participant**

- I have read the Participant Information Sheet;
- 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;