The George Institute for Global Health

UNSW SYDNEY

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT AND CONSENT FORM

INTERCEPTinG Study

(**INTER**ventions to **C**orrect **E**rrors and **P**rotect children **T**hrough child restraints - **G**roup discussion)

A/Prof Julie Brown

1. **What is the research study about?**

We invite you to take part in this research study. This study will explore the skills, knowledge, and motivation that parents require to use child car seats correctly over a long period of time. We know that the potential for a child car seat to be used incorrectly is more likely to increase over time. We hope to address this by exploring what information parents need to help them use their child car seats correctly over a long period of time, as their child grows with their car seat. Additionally, we are interested in your thoughts on when children should transition in to adult seats and what would support you to make these decisions. The information we collect from this study will help us develop ways to deliver information that is easy to understand, easily accessible, and is provided to parents at the time that parents need it the most.

2. **Who is conducting this research?**

The study is being run by the following researchers:

- Julie Brown (The George Institute for Global Health and University of New South Wales)
- Lisa Keay (University of New South Wales)
- Amy Bestman (The George Institute for Global Health and University of New South Wales)
- Catherine Ho (The George Institute for Global Health and University of New South Wales)
- Yaojia (Wennie) Dai (The George Institute for Global Health and University of New South Wales)
- Stacie Powell (The George Institute for Global Health and University of New South Wales)
- Bianca Albanese (Neuroscience Research Australia and University of New South Wales)

3. **Research Funder**

This research is funded by grants through the National Health & Medical Research Council and the Australian Research Council. The organisation has no say on how the research is conducted or the outcome, and will not financially benefit from the research.

4. **Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria**

Before you decide to participate in this research study, we need to make sure that it is okay for you to take part. The research study is looking for people who meet the following criteria:

- Over 18 years of age
- Parent, grandparent or primary carer of child aged 0-9 years
- Have a current and valid Australia's driver licence
- Travel at least once a week with their child or grandchild (aged 0-9) in their own car
- Speak English well enough to be able to read and understand the information on this document.

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

No, participation in this research study is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to. If you decide to take part and later change your mind, you are free to withdraw from the study at any stage.

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

- Read this information carefully (if you have any questions please ask the researchers);
- Sign and return the consent form if you agree to participate. You will also be emailed a copy of this form to keep.

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

If you are eligible to participate in the study, involvement in this study includes:

- Screening questions to confirm eligibility (no more than 5 minutes)
- Questions to determine your availability for a focus group discussion (no more than 5 minutes)
- A participant questionnaire (approximately 10-15 minutes to complete)
- Focus group discussion- in person or online (1 hour)

If you agree to participate, we will ask you to complete a set of screening questions to confirm your eligibility in this research. These questions can be accessed through our study link here ***[link to study webpage].***

If you are eligible to participate, we will also ask you to complete a short form indicating your availabilities for the focus groups. This form will take no more than 5 minutes to complete and will also ask a few basic questions about you and your family so that we can assign you to a focus group with other similar participants. This data will be kept securely by the research team and will only be used for the purpose of this study.

Before you participate in the study we will also ask you to complete the consent form (a copy is at the bottom of this page) and a self-administered questionnaire. We will send you a link to the consent form and the participant questionnaire prior to the focus group.

Each focus group will go for approximately 60 minutes with five to nine other caregivers. and will include discussions around topics such as

- your experience with child restraints;
- what tools and technology would be helpful in making decisions around car seat use; and
- how you assess whether a child is correctly restrained.

Some of the questions will relate to the transition of your child into different child restraints (i.e. rear facing to forward facing seats, or booster seats to adult seat belts). However, you do not need to have a child who has completed the transitions, as we are interested in what tools you think would help you make these decisions in the future.

The focus groups will be audio and/or video recorded for researchers to review afterwards. In person focus groups will be audio recorded. Online focus groups will be video recorded (through the record function on zoom/teams), participants can choose to leave their camera off if they do not wish to be video recorded.

Aside from giving up your time to participate, we do not expect there to be any risks associated with taking part in this study. However, while completing the self-administered questionnaire, you may experience some discomfort or feelings of distress when you are asked questions that refer to your concern for your child. For example, being asked questions from the standardised tool, the 'Parent Supervision Attributes Profile Questionnaire (PSAPQ), such as "I feel fearful that something might happen to my child" may cause you to experience some discomfort. If you do feel uncomfortable at any point while participating in the research, you can have a break, or end your participation. You can also tell a member of the research team and they will provide you with assistance.

7. Costs and reimbursement

Aside from your time to take part in the study, there are no extra costs associated with taking part in this research project. You will receive a $25 Giftpay voucher via email when you have completed the study activities required for study.

8. What are the possible benefits of taking part?

We cannot guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits from this research; however, you will have the opportunity to ask researchers any questions relating to child restraints during the focus groups.

9. What will happen to information about me?

If you agree to be in the study, you consent to the research team collecting and using information about you for the research study. The research team will store the data collected from you for this research project for a minimum of 5 years after the publication of research results.

The information about you will be stored in a re-identifiable format where any identifiers such as your name, address, date of birth will be replaced with a unique code.

Information collected from you in an electronic format will be stored on a George Institute password-protected drive only accessible to the approved research investigators. Recordings will be stored on a George Institute password-protected drive only accessible to the approved research investigators. After the transfer of files, the files on the SD card will be removed. If you do not wish to be recorded, you will be unable to participate in the study. Due to the nature of recording during focus groups, we will be unable to remove your specific data following the focus groups as we will not be identifying each participant in the recording.

We may want to use the information collected in the study in future research, if so, that research will be an extension of, or closely related to, the original project. Your information will only be shared in a format that will not identify you. You can opt out of this on the optional section of the consent form below.

The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). You have the right of access to personal information held about you by The George Institute, the right to request correction and amendment of it, and the right to make a complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the Act. Further information on how The George Institute protects personal information is available in the Privacy Policy (www.georgeinstitute.org/privacy-policy).

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

We will publish and report the results of the research. All Information published will not identify you or your child. If you would like to receive a copy of the results you can let us know by checking that box in the consent form.

11. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do so by completing the 'Withdrawal of Consent Form' at the end of this document or you can ring the research team and tell them you no longer want to participate. If you decide not to participate or withdraw from the study, this will not affect your relationship with The George Institute for Global Health, the University of New South Wales, the funding body, or organisations collaborating on this study. If you decide to leave the research study, the researchers will not collect additional information from you. You can request that any identifiable information about you be withdrawn from the research project.

If you have already participated in the focus group, we may not be able to remove your data as it will not be linked to you and will be kept in an unidentified format.

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

In the case of an emergency, please call 000 for medical attention. If you suffer any injuries or complications or feel that you need support as a result of this research project, please contact the research team listed in Section 13 below, and we will discuss with you the possible options and services available.

Complaints Contact

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Research Ethics Coordinator:

Telephone	+ 61 2 9385 6222
Email	humanethics@unsw.edu.au
Project Ethics (HC) Reference Number	

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

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following members of the research team:

Research Team Contact Details

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Declaration by the participant

- ☐ I understand I am being asked to provide consent to participate in this research study;
- ☐ I have read the Participant Information Statement;
- ☐ I understand the purposes, study tasks and risks of the research described in the study;
- ☐ Recordings: I understand that the research team will audio/video record focus groups; I agree to be recorded for this purpose.
- ☐ I consent to the information collected about me to be used for the purpose of this research study.
- ☐ 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 study. I understand that withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
- ☐ I understand that I will be emailed a copy of this document to keep;
- ☐ I understand that the results of the research may be made available on The George Institute for Global Health, social media, and funding reports. Any results will not identify me.

- ☐ I would like to receive a copy of the study results via email.

Optional Consent for reuse of data and future research:

- ☐ I provide my consent for the information collected about me to made available to other researchers as described at section 9 of this document.
- ☐ I provide my consent for my name and contact details to be retained in a register so I can be contacted about other research projects in the future.

Participant Signature

Name of Participant	
Email of Participant	
Date	

I agree

PARTICIPANT WITHDRAWAL OF CONSENT FORM

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I wish to **WITHDRAW** my consent to participate in this research study described above and understand that such withdrawal **WILL NOT** affect my relationship with The George Institute for Global Health or the University of New South Wales.

- ☐ I am withdrawing my consent and I would like any identifiable information collected about me which I have provided for the purpose of this research study withdrawn.

- ☐ I am withdrawing my consent to participate in further components of this research and provide my permission for the research team to retain and/or use information collected about me which I have provided for the purpose of this research.

- ☐ I am withdrawing my consent and I understand that any information already published and/or not linked to my identity cannot be withdrawn from the research.

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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