

This project has been approved by the Austin Health Human Research Ethics Committee (Reference Number: LNR/15/Austin/46, Version 1, 16th September 2015)



Dear Doctor,

Date:

Title of Study: Patients' and Physicians' Perspectives on the Use of Domiciliary Oxygen Therapy in Interstitial Lung Disease

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Associate Investigator: Dr Yet Hong Khor, Department of Respiratory and Sleep Medicine, Austin Health

I, Dr Yet Hong Khor, from the Department of Respiratory and Sleep Medicine, Austin Health, on behalf of Prof Christine McDonald, invite you to participate in a research project entitled ***Patients' and Physicians' Perspectives on the Use of Domiciliary Oxygen Therapy in Interstitial Lung Disease***. This is a PhD student project.

The purpose of this research project is to find out, in physicians and people with interstitial lung disease who are either on supplemental oxygen or being considered for the use of supplemental oxygen, their understanding of and experiences with home oxygen therapy. Should you choose to participate, you will be asked to tell us your views on home oxygen in a one-off interview that will take about 30 minutes, either in person or by telephone.

This research may help improve our understanding of the potential barriers to the use of home oxygen therapy. For this study, it would be important to obtain opinions from a diverse group of respiratory physicians. The participation in this research project is voluntary and you can revoke consent at any time. All information collected will be handled in a confidential manner with anonymity assured.

Please take time to think about whether or not you would like to take part. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (see below for contact information).

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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