

MEDLEY: Methods of Early Detection of Lung CancEr in PrimarY

Participant Information Sheet (PIS) for interviews with GPs

We would like to invite you to consider taking part in an interview to understand your views and feelings about the MEDLEY feasibility study. Before you decide whether you would like to take part we would like to explain why you have been invited, what taking part will involve and how we will use the information collected about you. Please read this information carefully and discuss with others if you like.

Why am I being invited?

We are getting in touch as you are involved in the MEDLEY study as part of your clinical or professional role.

You don't have to take part, your participation in an interview is voluntary and you may change your mind at any time. If you decide to take part, a researcher will go through a consent form with you during a telephone or video call.

What are we trying to find out?

The MEDLEY study is investigating whether a trial comparing the accuracy of low-dose CT (LDCT) with chest X-ray (CXR) for detecting symptomatic lung cancer will be feasible and acceptable. We also want to know whether the costs of a definitive trial comparing LDCT and CXR would be justified, and whether replacing CXR with LDCT as the first line lung cancer investigation would be feasible and acceptable for the NHS. We would like to understand GPs' views of the trial and future implementation.

Who is taking part?

We are inviting GPs whose patients have taken part in the MEDLEY study. We would still like to speak to you even if your patient withdrew from the study or did not complete the LDCT and/or CXR investigations.

What will taking part involve?

If you agree to take part, we will arrange a date and time for the interview convenient to you. The interview will take place as a phone call or a video call. Before the interview starts the researcher will complete a consent form with you which will take approximately 10 minutes.

We will ask you some questions about your views on the use of chest X-ray and computed tomography for symptomatic patients, and use some short stories or 'vignettes' for you to consider. The interview will last about 15-30 minutes and we will ask your permission for this to be recorded. If you are on a video call only your voice will be recorded.

The recordings will be transcribed (written out in full), but this will not include any details which identify you.

What are the risks and benefits?

There are no specific benefits to taking part, although we hope that you will find it beneficial to share your views on this topic. We don't expect there to be any drawbacks to taking part, apart from the small amount of time required.

What if I change my mind?

You can stop taking part in the interviews at any time and without giving a reason. In the very unlikely event, you feel upset at any stage in the interview, please discuss this with the researcher.

How will my information be used?

We will need to use information from you for this research project. This information will include your name and contact details. People will use this information to do the research. People who do not need to know who you are, will not be able to see your name or contact details. Your data will have a code number instead.

The University of Leeds is the sponsor of this research, and is responsible for looking after your information. We will keep all information about you safe and secure by:

- keeping all information about you safe and secure at Queen Mary University of London.
- The recording device will be encrypted.
- The recording of your interview will be saved using a study ID and stored securely at Queen Mary University of London.
- The recording of your interview will be removed from the recording device once the recording has been safely downloaded.
- Consent will be recorded separately at the start of your interview.

The transcription agency will have a confidentiality agreement with Queen Mary University of London. The recording of your interview will be deleted once the transcription has been completed. The transcription of your interview and your consent will be stored separately for the duration of the study, and then a minimum of 5 years. Anonymised versions of the transcript of your interview may be used in future research, subject to appropriate approvals.

Once we have finished the study, we will keep some of the data so we can check the results. We will write our reports in a way that no-one can work out that you took part in the study. We may include a quotation of something you said in our report, but we will make sure that any information which would identify you is removed. Your data will not be shared outside the UK.

What are your choices about how your information is used?

- If you agree to take part in this study, you will have the option to take part in future research using your data saved from this study.
- You can stop being part of the study at any time, without giving a reason, but we will keep information about you that we already have and use it in the analysis. You can choose to withdraw any data you provided up until they have been transcribed and analysed.

Where can you find out more about how your information is used?

You can find out more about how we use your information in the following ways;

- by asking one of the research team
- by visiting <https://ctrul.leeds.ac.uk/privacy-cookies/ctrul-comprehensive-privacy-guide/> OR <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/privacy/>
- by sending an email to the Data Protection Officer at University of Leeds via DPO@leeds.ac.uk OR to the Data Protection Officer at Queen Mary University of London via data-protection@qmul.ac.uk
- or write to Data Protection Officer at University of Leeds, Room 11.72 EC Stoner Building, Leeds, LS2 9JT, OR to the Data Protection Officer at Queen Mary University of London, Queens' Building, Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS,
- and/or read the [comprehensive guide](#) on the University of Leeds website OR the [data protection pages](#) on the QMUL website.