



Identifying priority national research questions for diabetes-related foot health and disease

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT & CONSENT FORM



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What is the study about?

You are invited to participate in this study related to the foot health of people with diabetes. The study aims to determine what a broad range of people think are the most important questions about diabetes-related foot health and disease that should be answered by research.

The study is led by Diabetic Foot Australia (DFA), the peak body related to diabetes-related foot disease in Australia. It is important to better understand the research priorities of all people involved in diabetes-related foot health and disease, but currently in Australia this is not known. The development of an agreed set of research questions from a range of people will assist DFA to develop a national research agenda for diabetes-related foot health and disease. A national research agenda will identify relevant gaps in research and assist researchers develop relevant future research projects. A national research agenda will also help funding agencies for research recognise what are the important areas of research to fund.

DFA is publicising this study through its website and social media, and has asked relevant organisations to promote the project. Word-of-mouth promotion is also encouraged.

Who is being asked to participate?

Any adult with experience in the field of diabetes-related foot health and disease is invited to participate. This includes people living with diabetes, a carer of a person with diabetes, health professionals involved in the care of people with diabetes and foot problem, and researchers, industry representatives and government agencies.

Do I have to participate?

Being part of this study is voluntary. If you want to be part of the study, we ask that you read the information on this form carefully. You can read the information below and decide at the end if you do not want to participate. If you decide not to participate this won't affect your relationship with Diabetic Foot Australia, La Trobe University or any other listed organisation.

What will I be asked to do?

If you want to take part in this study, we will ask you to complete 3 surveys over 3 months. In Round 1 you will be asked to nominate three research questions related to diabetes-related foot health and disease that they think should be answered by research. In Round 2 you will be asked to select your top 10 research questions from the list of questions suggested by all the participants following Round 1. The top 10 questions for the whole group, and from each group of participants who identify themselves as living with diabetes, health professionals, researchers or from industry will be determined for Round 3. In Round 3 you will be asked to rank a final set of 10 questions in order from 1 (highest priority) to 10 (lowest priority) for the whole group, and also the sub-group that you identified with.

Each survey is expected to take no longer than 10 minutes. The three surveys will be open in stages over 5 months.

Will I hear about the results of the study?

We will let you know about the results of the study throughout the study. During Rounds 2 and 3, broad results will be made available as this helps the decision-making process during Rounds 2 and 3. At the completion of the study a report will be written by DFA describing the results and will be published on their website. A peer-reviewed journal article will also be completed describing the results.

What are the benefits?

It is unlikely you will individually benefit from participating in the shorter term. The expected benefits to society in general are that researchers and research funding bodies will have a better understanding on what the important research questions people involved in diabetes-related health illness have. This will assist future research to be relevant and effective.

What are the risks?

As it is important that participants complete each round of the 3 rounds of surveys, we will ask you to provide your email address in Round 1. This will assist us to contact you to inform you when the other rounds commence and to provide one reminder to complete each round. Your email address will only be known to the principal investigator and project manager and will be securely protected. We do not anticipate any other risks by participating in this study. With any study there are (1) risks we know about, (2) risks we don't know about, and (3) risks we don't expect. If you experience something that you aren't sure about, please contact us immediately so we can discuss the best way to manage your concerns.

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What will happen to the information about me?

By clicking on the 'I have read the Participant Information Statement and agree to start the questionnaire' button, this tells you you want to take part in the study.

We will **collect** information about you in ways that may reveal who you are. Your email address may have your name and workplace. No other identifiable information will be obtained. We will **store** information about you in ways that may reveal who you are. This relates to your email address, which may have your name and workplace identifiable. We will **publish** information about you in ways that will not be identified in any type of publication from this study. We will **keep** your information for 7 years after the project is completed. After this time we will destroy all of your data.

The storage, transfer and destruction of your data will be undertaken in accordance with the Research Data Management Policy <https://policies.latrobe.edu.au/document/view.php?id=106/>.

The personal information you provide will be handled in accordance with applicable privacy laws, any health information collected will be handled in accordance with the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). Subject to any exceptions in relevant laws, you have the right to access and correct your personal information by contacting the research team.

What if I change my mind?

If you no longer want to complete the questionnaire, simply close the web browser. If you change your mind after clicking on the 'Submit' button, please email Dr. Perrin and we can withdraw your responses.

Your decision to withdraw at any point will not affect your relationship with Diabetic Foot Australia, La Trobe University or any other organisation listed.

Who can I contact for questions or more information?

If you would like to speak to us, please use the contact details below:

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What if I have a complaint?

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