

Information Sheet for Participants



Title of the study: Raising awareness of hearing and communication disorders among EMS students: Are knowledge translation workshops useful?

We would like to invite you to take part in a research study. Before you decide whether you would like to take part it is important that you understand why the research is being done and what it would involve for you. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of the study is to find the benefit of exchanging knowledge between two professions for a better-quality service providing during emergency to the hearing and communication disorder population.

Why have I been invited?

There are limited studies in reference to the benefits of knowledge translation workshop between the hearing and communication profession and EMS, therefore, we are looking for EMS final year students to help bridge the gap.

We would like to invite you to take part if:

- (1) The participant must be a last year student of the EMS program at PSCEMS.
- (2) The participant must be a student at King Saud University in Riyadh.

Moreover, participants will not take part of the study if they are presented with one of the following exclusion criteria:

- (1) The student attended the knowledge translation lectures/workshops before.

Do I have to take part?

Participation in the project is voluntary, and you can choose not to participate in part or all of the project. You can withdraw at any stage of the project without being penalized or disadvantaged in any way. Moreover, please note that your participation may be terminated if the researchers find that you met any of the exclusion criteria.

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be asked to give a written consent. If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason.

What will happen if I take part and what do I have to do?

If you take part, you will attend the workshop presented by one of all of the researchers, who will describe the process for you and introduce the research study to make sure that you have fully understood it and that you are happy to take part.

You will be asked to will complete the online-based quiz survey, twice (before and after the workshop), that takes about 7 min and no more than 10 minutes, each time.

What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

Though unlikely, if you experience any discomfort or distress, the researcher will stop and if you are willing, you will resume on the same day, or leave it for another day.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

This research will not benefit participants directly, but you may find it useful to gain a better understanding of the hearing and communication profession and provide better service to this population accordingly. In the longer run, the research will help speech and language pathologists and EMS professionals in Saudi Arabia.

What will happen when the research study stops?

All data needed for the study will be held in agreement with the Data Protection Act (1998). Data will be anonymous, as participants will be referred to in numbers and will be held in a) the researchers' personal computers, which is password protected and b) will be encrypted in a USB drive. Data will be kept for 10 years after the write up and then will be destroyed. Hard copy data records will be shredded and soft copy data records will be deleted once the study is stopped.

Will my taking part in the study be kept confidential?

Yes. The researchers are the only people who will have access to the information gathered anonymously. Moreover, there will be no use of personal information and there will be no video recording /photographs.

What will happen to results of the research study?

The findings of the project will be published in a scientific journal and presented in conferences. No participant will be identifiable in any of these publications in which anonymity will be maintained. A copy of the publication/summary of the results can be provided to you if you request it. Further to that, your samples might be used later in other projects by the researchers.

What will happen if I don't want to carry on with the study?

You have the right to withdraw from this study at any time without giving any explanation.

What if there is a problem?

You have the right to contact any of the researchers at any time via the following e-mails:

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Who has reviewed the study?

This study has been reviewed by the IRB Committee at King Saud University.(Approval No.21-5958)

Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet.