

EXPLANATORY RESEARCH STATEMENT

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WHY DO WOMEN GPS SUPERVISE REGISTRARS, OR NOT?

This project is led by General Practice Supervisors Australia (GPSA) and Monash University, and funded by GPSA. Chief Investigator: Dr Rebecca Kippen, Associate Professor of Demography, Rural Health, Monash University
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What is this project about? This project aims for a better understanding of why some women GPs supervise registrars and others do not, and what can be done to make it easier for women to supervise registrars in general practice. Please read this Explanatory Statement in full before deciding whether to participate.

What does the project involve? (1) Completion of an online expression of interest form for contact and basic demographic details, expected to take around 2 minutes to complete. This ensures that women GPs selected for interview encompass a wide range of characteristics and experiences. (2) A semi-structured confidential interview (recorded by zoom) lasting up to 60 minutes with a GPSA researcher at a mutually agreeable time.

Why were you chosen for this project? You have been invited to participate as a woman GP who works in a training practice. Overall, we will select around 20 women GPs with a mix of characteristics for interview. If you are interested in participating, we will ask you about these characteristics prior to study enrolment. This information will be collected in a secure Google Form and maintained in an Excel spreadsheet available only to the researchers and only used to ensure that we include GPs with a broad range of characteristics for this study.

Consent to participate and withdrawing from the project. You are asked to consent by signing and returning the consent form to research@gpsa.org.au after being contacted for interview. You can withdraw from this study up to the point that interviews are transcribed but after that point it will not be possible as the data will be de-identified for analysis. There are no implications for you in choosing to withdraw, or not participate.

Possible benefits and risks to participants. The study will provide important information to assist development of tailored resources to support and advocate for best practice GP supervision by women. There is no anticipated discomfort other than any inconvenience associated with making your time available for interview. There are no foreseeable risks of harm to yourself.

Compensation. Once the interview is complete, you will be given a \$150 gift card in consideration of your time.

Confidentiality. GPSA will only use your provided contact details for this study. They will not be shared outside GPSA. You will be interviewed over Zoom which is accessible via a weblink we will send to your email. The interview will be audio recorded. It is your choice whether you want to also use the Zoom video function (to be seen as well as heard) or whether to just use the audio (heard only). Transcription will be via a professional transcription service, with audio files and transcriptions exchanged via a secure server. We may use direct quotes from the interviews in research publications, but no identifying information will be disclosed.

Storage of data. Audio recordings and transcriptions will be purged from the transcription service server at the contract end. Consent forms will be maintained in locked filing cabinets and electronically password-protected computers only available to the research team. All interview data will be maintained in the same way and de-identified prior to analysis. Data and consent forms will be retained for five years and then destroyed according to Monash University guidelines when no longer required.

Results. You will be able to access a copy of the final report by request to research@gpsa.org.au. Study results will also be presented at conferences, and published on the GPSA website and in peer-reviewed journals.

Complaints. Should you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of the project, please contact:

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Thank you, Dr Rebecca Kippen

