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Participant Information Sheet

Study Title

To evaluate clinicians' attitudes and beliefs regarding the usefulness of digital technology in the assessment and management of an amputee patient.

Please read this information carefully before deciding to take part in this research. It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you are happy to participate you will be asked to sign a consent form.

This research project has been deemed to meet the requirements for undergraduate research at University of Winchester according to the University Research Ethics Policy.

What is the research about?

The aim of this research project is to investigate what digital technology clinicians use at present in an assessment and management of a lower limb amputee patient. The project will look to explore the attitudes and beliefs of the clinicians towards digital technology and aims to answer the question 'Is there a need for future development of digital technology within assessment and management of amputee patients?'. Lastly, the long-term purpose of the project is so the data collected can be used to develop digital technology to help clinicians and patients in the future.

What type of participants does the study require?

You have been asked to participate in this study as we are looking for any clinicians, with a minimum of 1 year working in this specialism, who are involved in the assessment and management of lower limb amputee patients.

What will I be asked to do?

Individuals who volunteer to participate in the present study will be asked to complete a short questionnaire online. The questionnaire will take no more than 10 minutes. Questions include finding out if you use any digital technology in your assessment and management of an amputee patient and if yes or no, why? Questions will also be asked about your attitudes towards digital technology for example do you think it is useful towards your assessment and have you come across any difficulties in using digital technology.

What are the potential risks/benefits in taking part?

There are no direct benefits to you as an individual in taking part in this study. This study will however, help to investigate the prevalence of digital technology in an assessment and management of an amputee patient and highlight any gaps for future research.

Can I change my mind and withdraw from the study?

Once the questionnaire is submitted, you will be unable to withdraw your data because all data collected in this study will be anonymised. However, you are able to withdraw from the study by not submitting the questionnaire without any disadvantage of any kind.

What information will be collected and how will it be used?

You will not be personally identifiable in any written work that is submitted for publication.

The anonymised data will be made available for other researchers both within and outside of the University of Winchester to perform secondary data analysis. There will be no identifiable details in the data made available to other researchers. The data will be stored for up to 5 years after data collection.

If you have any questions, concerns or complaints about the project please contact:

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Access to questionnaire:

Follow this link: https://forms.office.com/r/eudSZwFR2V

Or scan this QR code: