

## **Letter of Information – Residents**

**Project Title:** Evaluating an Orientation Program for Residents in the Use of the Electronic Health Record

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### **1. Invitation to Participate**

You are being invited to participate in this research study to evaluate the learning experience for residents on the use of the electronic health record in the London hospitals.

### **2. Purpose of the Letter**

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information required for you to make an informed decision regarding participation in this research.

### **3. Purpose of the Study**

London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Health Care continue to make advances to their electronic health record (EHR). With these advances comes a greater need for education for our residents and providers on how to effectively use the health record as a tool for providing patient care. As other hospitals move forward with advancing their EHR they will benefit from our experience. We are looking to formalize our evaluation of this orientation program and to potentially publish and share information with other organizations.

### **4. Inclusion Criteria**

Individuals who are 26 or older, and are beginning their residency at London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Health Care on July 1, 2017 are eligible to participate in this study.

### **5. Exclusion Criteria**

Individuals who are under 18 and are not beginning their residency at London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Health Care on July 1, 2017 are not eligible to participate in this study.

### **6. Study Procedures**

If you agree to participate you will be asked to complete the same orientation education requirements as all other residents, which include eLearning (up to 2.5 hours), post-eLearning assessment (15 minutes), classroom session including a

confidence and competence assessment (up to 3 hours), and a 6 month follow-up confidence and competence assessment (30 minutes). A sample group of residents in the study will volunteer to participate in a 30 minute semi-structured interview session following the 6 month assessment. The study will take place over a one-year period commencing in June 2017.

## **7. Possible Risks and Harms**

There are no known or anticipated risks or discomforts associated with participating in this study.

## **8. Possible Benefits**

It will be beneficial to you in your future practice, as it will help to inform improvements to education for future initiatives. As well, information gathered will provide benefits to future residents and providers as we use the data collected to inform changes to our orientation programs.

## **9. Compensation**

We are not able to offer compensation for your participation in this research.

## **10. Voluntary Participation**

Your participation in this study is voluntary. Even if you consent to participate you have the right to not answer individual questions or to withdraw from the study at any time. If you choose not to participate or to leave the study at any time it will have no effect on your employment status, academic standing or your relationships with London Health Sciences Centre or St. Joseph's Health Care.

## **11. Confidentiality**

All personal information will be stored in Medical Affairs. All interviewees will be assigned a code. The list of names and assigned codes will be stored separately from study data. If you decide to withdraw from the study, you have the right to request withdrawal of the information collected about you. If you wish to have your information removed please let the researcher know. While we do our best to protect your information there is no guarantee that we will be able to do so. If data is collected during the project which may be required to report by law we have a duty to report.

## **12. Contacts for Further Information**

In the event you have any questions regarding the research please contact Dr. Tom Janzen at (519) 646-6100 x48607 or Dr. Isha DeCoito at (519) 661-2111 x84454. Questions regarding the participation of human subjects in this research study may be directed to the Office of Research Ethics at (519) 661-3036 or by email at [ethics@uwo.ca](mailto:ethics@uwo.ca)



## **13. Publication**

If the results of the study are published, your name will not be used.

## **14. Consent**

You will indicate your voluntary agreement to participate by completing the consent form. Please click on this link to access the consent form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018ResConsent>

**This letter is yours to keep for future reference.**