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Information sheet for DEMENTIA AWARENESS WEEK project.

TOPIC: Dementia: Risk factor reduction and 'MIND YOUR MIND' fact sheet.

Aims:

1. To measure patient understanding of dementia and its risk factors.
2. To measure the impact on this knowledge of a one page summary of the 'Mind Your Mind' pamphlet by Alzheimer's Australia.
3. To measure GP and Nurse knowledge about dementia and perceived role in providing care for patients with dementia throughout Australia.

About the project: We offer the practice a one page patient information sheet on dementia risk factors and two short questionnaires to be distributed in conjunction with Dementia Awareness week, 19-26 September 2008. One questionnaire is for patients attending the practice and can be completed while they wait in the waiting room. The other is for GPs and Nurses. We attach the information sheet, questionnaires and instructions which can be downloaded from the web site www.mackaydgp.com

Your task:

Practice managers: Please distribute the GP & Nurse questionnaire & fax back results.

Receptionists: Please offer patients over the age of 30 (or younger if they want to participate) the patient questionnaire when they report to the desk on arrival. Toss a coin to determine whether they receive the information sheet with the questionnaire (heads) or when they have completed it (tails). Mark their questionnaire with H for heads or T for tails. We want to measure whether the information sheet helps them with the answers.

Return the completed questionnaires to Dr Fiona Millard

Email: fiona.millard@jcu.edu.au

Or Fax: 07 49534681

Or Post: Mackay Division of General Practice, 43 Evans St. Nth Mackay QLD 4740.

Participation in this project is voluntary and you are free to withdraw consent at any time, and to withdraw any unprocessed data previously supplied. All answers are anonymous and cannot be traced back to you. The project forms part of PhD studies by Dr Millard and may be published in journals or presented at academic forums.

If you have any queries you may contact Dr Millard through the Mackay Division of General Practice: Dr Fiona Millard 07 49534491 or by email as below.

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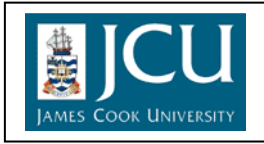
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Ethical Approval: Ethics committees: James Cook University, Mackay and Townsville Health District Research. Any queries about the ethical conduct of this research project may be addressed to Human Ethics Committee, Ethics Officer, Tina Langford, Ethics Officer, Research Office, James Cook University, Townsville, Qld. 4811.



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