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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

You are invited to participate in an anonymous survey of the perceptions general medical practitioners (GPs) have regarding chiropractic and osteopathy. The purpose of the study is to provide insight into the knowledge and views of Australian GPs about these professions. This study is being conducted by Dr. Robyn Beirman (Macquarie University), Dr Roger Engel (Macquarie University) and Dr Sandra Grace (Southern Cross University). Any questions or concerns regarding this study can be forwarded to Dr Beirman, who can be contacted on (02) 9850 6392 or robyn.beirman@mq.edu.au.

If you decide to participate, you will be asked to complete the survey, which should take about 10 minutes of your time.

The survey will query your perceptions and knowledge of chiropractic and osteopathy in Australia, through a mix of objective and open-ended questions.

Any information or personal details gathered in the course of the study will remain confidential, except as required by law. No individual will be identified in any publication of the results.

The only people with access to the data are the investigators named above.

A summary of the results of the data will be made available to the RACGP.

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary: you are not obliged to participate and if you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw at any time without having to give a reason and without consequence. Consent will be assumed to be given by submission of the completed survey.

The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the Macquarie University Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have any complaints or reservations about any ethical aspect of your participation in this research, you may contact the Committee through the Director, Research Ethics (telephone (02) 9850 7854; email ethics@mq.edu.au). Any complaint you make will be treated in confidence and investigated, and you will be informed of the outcome.

A NATIONAL SURVEY ON THE VIEWS OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS TOWARDS THE CHIROPRACTIC AND OSTEOPATHIC PROFESSIONS

Q1. How long have you been a medical practitioner in general practice?

0-2 years 3-5 years 6-10 years 11-15 years 16-20 years 20+ years

Q2. What is the postcode of your principle practice? _____

Q3. Are you male or female? Male Female

Q4. What is your age? Under 30 30-40 41-50 51-60 Over 60

Q5. Where do you get MOST of your information regarding Chiropractic? (Indicate ONE only)

Medical journals (peer-reviewed) Non-medical journals (peer-reviewed)

Popular media Chiropractors themselves Medical associations

Don't really get much information regarding it

Other: _____

Q6. Where do you get MOST of your information regarding Osteopathy? (Indicate ONE only)

Medical journals (peer-reviewed) Non-medical journals (peer-reviewed)

Popular media Osteopaths themselves Medical associations

Don't really get much information regarding it

Other: _____

Q7. Have you ever witnessed a treatment by a chiropractor? Yes No

Q8. Have you ever witnessed a treatment by an osteopath? Yes No

Q9. Have you ever been a recipient of a treatment by a chiropractor? Yes No

Q10. Have you ever been a recipient of a treatment by an osteopath? Yes No

Q11. How would you rate your knowledge of chiropractic and its mechanism of treatment?

Very knowledgeable Knowledgeable Some knowledge

Not very much knowledge No knowledge

Q12. How would you rate your knowledge of osteopathy and its mechanism of treatment?

Very knowledgeable Knowledgeable Some knowledge

Not very much knowledge No knowledge

Q13. To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

“Chiropractic treatment could benefit some of my patients”

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Q14. To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

“Osteopathic treatment could benefit some of my patients”

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Q15. Have you ever referred a patient to a chiropractor?

Yes Please go to question 17

No If no, please give your reason

Q16. Would a better understanding of chiropractic make you reconsider referral?

Yes No Maybe

Q17. Have you ever referred a patient to an osteopath?

Yes Please go to question 19

No If no, please give your reason

Q18. Would a better understanding of osteopathy make you reconsider referral? Yes No Maybe

Q19. Have you ever had a patient referred to you by a chiropractor? Yes No Don't remember

Q20. Have you ever had a patient referred to you by an osteopath? Yes No Don't remember

Q21. Do you know any of the chiropractors in the area around your practice?

Yes Please go to question 22

No Please go to question 23

Q22. To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "They have provided useful and/or meaningful correspondence with me about co-management of patients"

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Q23. To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "I would like to have a better professional relationship with the local chiropractor(s)"

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Q24. Do you know any of the osteopaths in the area around your practice?

Yes Please go to question 25

No Please go to question 26

Q25. To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "They have provided useful and/or meaningful correspondence with me about co-management of patients"

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Q26. To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "I would like to have a better professional relationship with the local osteopath(s)."

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Q31. Would you co-manage a patient with a chiropractor (if clinically appropriate)?

Yes No Maybe

Q32. Would you co-manage a patient with an osteopath (if clinically appropriate)?

Yes No Maybe

Q33. To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

“The ongoing media coverage surrounding chiropractic has made it difficult to understand the role of the chiropractor in health care”.

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Q34. To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

“The ongoing media coverage surrounding osteopathy has made it difficult to understand the role of the osteopath in health care”.

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Q35. To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

“There is a growing body of evidence available on the efficacy of chiropractic treatment”

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Q36. To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

“There is a growing body of evidence available on the efficacy of osteopathic treatment”

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Q37. To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

“Chiropractic education in Australia is primarily evidence based”

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Q38. To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

“Osteopathic education in Australia is primarily evidence based”

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Q39. Are you aware that

a. All primary chiropractic education in Australia is university based Yes No

b. Primary chiropractic education in Australia is a 5 year full-time program Yes No

c. All primary osteopathic education in Australia is university based Yes No

d. Primary osteopathic education in Australia is a 5 year full-time program Yes No

Q40. Would you be interested in learning more about primary chiropractic education in Australia? Yes No

Q41. Would you be interested in learning more about primary osteopathic education in Australia? Yes No

Q42. Please add any comments about your attitudes to either the Chiropractic profession or Chiropractic education

Q43. Please add any comments about your attitudes to either the Osteopathic profession or Osteopathic education