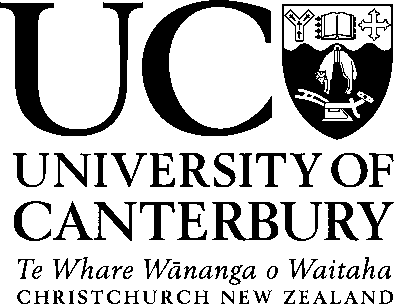
## Information Sheet



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# Project title: Access to primary healthcare and ambulatory care sensitive hospitalisations.

My name is Fazeela Mohamed. I am a doctoral candidate at the University of Canterbury School of Health Sciences. I’d like to provide you information about my research on how patients access primary healthcare services in the Maldives.

Previous research has shown that primary healthcare interventions are effective in reducing hospitalisation among patients with high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and chronic heart failure. Though Maldives continue to provide these interventions, it remains to be explained relatively higher rates of hospitalisation for these diseases. It is argued that higher rates of hospitalisation for these diseases indicate lack of primary healthcare access. Therefore, the purpose of my research is to study the association between transportation, travel time, and trust in provider and access to primary healthcare services. Then, assess the association between access to primary healthcare services and risk of hospitalisation for high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and chronic heart failure.

I invite you to participate in my study sas you belong to one of the regions I am interested in my research; and you are diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions that I am studying:

* High blood pressure
* Chronic heart failure
* Asthma
* Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (add that name)
* Diabetes

. With your permission, the Ministry of Health will share your contact details with me so that I can reach you for this study.

If you choose to take part in this study: you :

* One of the interviewers will contact you over phone to arrange a time of interview
* The interview will be in-person in a suitable public place
* The interview will take about 30 minutes of your time
* In appreciation of your time, we will provide you with light refreshments
* We will store your information securely in an electronic format, and we will make sure that your identity is not revealed to anyone and all information you share with us will remain confidential
* We will use any information you provide for research only

We do not conceive any risk on your part if you choose to answer the questionnaire. However, should you will become concerned about your condition, we recommend that you discuss this with your primary provider.

Participation is voluntary and you have the right to withdraw before commencement of the interview..

The results will be published as a doctoral thesis. The electronic version of the thesis is a public document and will be available free of cost through University of Canterbury Library. However, your identity will not be made public. You will be given a study code. This study code will not be linked to your name or contact details. Any information given by you will be entered under this study code. Therefore, the information given by you will remain anonymous, once the data is entered in the system. This data will only be accessible to researcher and supervisors. The data will be password protected. It will be stored in cloud storage services via university server. To prevent accidental loss, back-up data will be stored on transportable media such as flash memory and external hard drives. This will be stored securely in separate lockable cabinets given for individual PhD students. The data will be stored for next 10 years.

The project is being carried out as a requirement for doctor of philosophy in health sciences by Fazeela Mohamed under the supervision of Arindam Basu and Wendy Maddocks, who can be contacted at:

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Fazeela Mohamed, Arindam Basu, and Wendy Maddocks will be pleased to discuss any concerns you may have about participation in the project.

This project has been reviewed and approved by the University of Canterbury Human Ethics Committee, and participants should address any complaints to The Chair, Human Ethics Committee, University of Canterbury, Private Bag 4800, Christchurch ([human-ethics@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:human-ethics@canterbury.ac.nz)).

If you agree to participate in this study, please provide your contact details to public health division of the island you are resided in. I will collect this information from Ministry of Health and will be in touch with you thereafter.