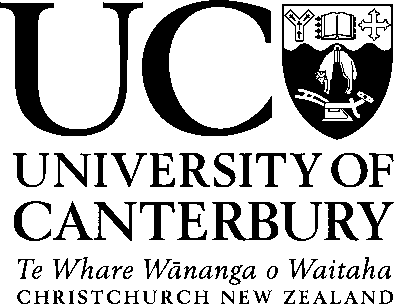
## Information Sheet



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

My name is Fazeela Mohamed. I am a doctoral student from the University of Canterbury. I am collecting information about how patients access to 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.

You have been approached to take part in this study because you belong to one of the regions I am interested to study in my research; and is diagnosed with one or more of the diseases that I am studying. These diseases include hypertension, chronic heart failure, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and diabetes. I have located your contact details through Ministry of Health. This is the contact details you have provided to Ministry of Health when you showed your interest to participate in this study.

If you choose to take part in this study, your involvement in this project will be answering my questionnaire to gather information for this research. The information you provide will be entered to the computer. It is important for the researcher that the most accurate information is obtained. This is will take 25 to 30 minutes of your time.

There are no known risks associated in answering the questionnaire. Your answers will be kept securely. Any information that could identify you will not be linked to your answers anyway. The information gathered via this questionnaire will only be used for the above research purpose.

Participation is voluntary and you have the right to withdraw at this stage. There is no penalty involved in withdrawing. You may ask for your raw data to be returned to you or destroyed at this point. If you withdraw, I will remove information relating to you at this stage. However, once your information is entered to the system it will remain anonymous. I will be unable to locate your specific information and therefore cannot delete it. It will become increasingly difficult to remove the influence of your data on the results.

The results of the project will be published in the form of a thesis. A thesis is a public document and will be available 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.

Please indicate to the researcher on the consent form if you would like to receive a copy of the summary of results of the project.

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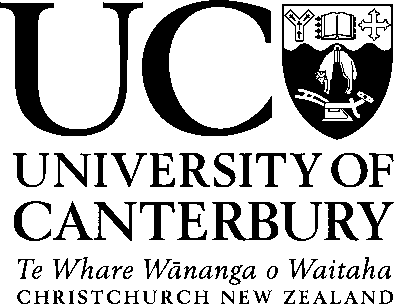
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Fazeela Mohamed, Arindam Basu, and Wendy Maddocks will be pleased to discuss any concerns you may have about participation in the project.

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 the study, you are asked to complete the consent form. I will photograph the signed consent form and upload to the system. You will be given the hardcopy of the consent form.

## Consent Form



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**Consent Form for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* I have been given a full explanation of this project and have had the opportunity to ask questions.
* I understand I have to answer the questionnaire voluntarily, if I agree to take part in the research.
* I understand that participation is voluntary and I may withdraw at the stage of interview process. There is no penalty applied in withdrawing. Withdrawal of participation will also include the withdrawal of any information at interview process. I understand once the data is entered in the system, researcher will be unable to locate my specific information and therefore cannot delete it.
* I understand that any information or opinions I provide will be kept confidential to the researcher and supervisors and any published or reported results that may identify me will not be linked to my answers in anyway*.* I understand that a thesis is a public document and will be available through the University of Canterbury Library.
* I understand that all data collected for the study will be kept in locked and secure facilities and/or in password protected electronic form and will be destroyed after 10 years.
* I understand that there are no known risks associated in answering the questionnaire and my answers will be kept securely.
* I understand that I can contact the researcher Fazeela Mohamed or supervisors Arindam Basu and Wendy Maddocks for further information via contact details provided for me in the information sheet. If I have any complaints, I can contact the Chair of the University of Canterbury Human Ethics Committee, Private Bag 4800, Christchurch ([human-ethics@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:human-ethics@canterbury.ac.nz))
* I would like a summary of the results of the project. I am aware that a summary of the results will be mailed to my address given below.
* I understand that this consent form will be photographed and uploaded to the computer and it will be stored in password protected file. I am given the hardcopy of the consent form.
* By signing below, I agree to participate in this research project.

Name: Signed: Date:

Mail address (email / physical address)