**La Trobe University**

**University Human Ethics Committee**

**Participant Information Statement**

**TITLE: NEEDS ANALYSIS OF THE VICTORIAN SIMULATION COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE.**

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**What is the aim of the questionnaires?**

The study will use a questionnaire to examine the current state of the Victorian Simulation Community of practice.

**What is involved in completing the questionnaires?**

It will take about 15-20 minutes to complete the questionnaire. The questionnaire will be completed online and accessed using a link emailed to you via the project coordinator. The questionnaire will be completed once during the study.

Participation within the study is voluntary and there will be no disadvantages, penalties or adverse consequences for not participating or for withdrawing prematurely from the research. Any questions regarding this project can be directed to the investigator via the contact provided. Due to the anonymity of the data obtained, if you choose to withdraw from the research, the data supplied will not be able to be removed as your profile will remain anonymous throughout the research. The questionnaire can be printed by clicking **File > Print** in your browser. Questions regarding the research can be forwarded to the project coordinator.

**What happens to the data from the questionnaire?**

All survey data will be exported by the researchers into digital formats for analysis purposes. All printed documents will be kept in researchers locked office, situated at La Trobe University, Bundoora Campus for a time frame of five years. The computerized data will be password protected and only accessible to researchers in the project. After five years, the printed documents will be shredded and disposed. A summary of the results of the research project will be posted on the year three subjects LMS sites in which student will be enrolled in 2016.

Only the principal researcher and investigators will be able to access the research data. It is anticipated that the findings of the study will be written up for publication in peer reviewed journals and presented at international conferences. This study will provide important information on the development of interprofessional teamwork within health professional education programs.

**Complaints.**

If you have any complaints or concerns about your participation in the study that the researcher has not been able to answer to your satisfaction, you may contact the Senior Human Ethics Officer, Ethics and Integrity, Research Office, La Trobe University, Victoria, 3086 (P: 03 9479 1443, E: humanethics@latrobe.edu.au) . Please quote the application reference number 2000000322