



Medical Women's International Association (MWIA) member survey of COVID-19 experiences as healthcare providers.

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE PLAIN LANGUAGE STATEMENT

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The aim:

The aim of this survey is to explore the experience of members of the Medical Women's International Association (MWIA) during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

What does the research involve?

The questionnaire will take about 5 minutes to complete. Your completion of this questionnaire will contribute to this aim.

Source of funding.

No direct funding but we wish to acknowledge MWIA and its members for its provision of survey distribution. The potential analysis of up to 1,500 surveys will be carried out by the three researchers only and without charge.

Consenting to participate in the survey and withdrawing from the research.

By signing up to complete the questionnaire, you will be indicating that you have read this explanatory statement and consent to participating in the survey. You have the right not to finish the survey, to skip any questions you prefer not to answer, or not submit the finished survey. However, once you submit the survey it will not be possible to withdraw your data because your answers are anonymous and the researchers will have no way of knowing what data are yours.

Possible benefits and risks to participants

The results of this survey will be used to understand the experiences of women doctors during COVID-19. One of the aims is to apply a gender-based lens to this pandemic response which will assist in the preparedness of workplaces to assist and better protect women doctors and health professionals more broadly. This will be incorporated into education guidelines to thereby improve the health and wellbeing of medical women internationally.

There are no reasonably foreseeable risks of harm from participation in this research. If you think that you will be upset or disturbed by questions about COVID-19 you can choose not to participate. If you choose to proceed and find that the questions raise difficult topics for you, there is a list of services at the end of the survey that might assist you.

Confidentiality and storage of data

All information you give us will be completely anonymous. The name and address of anyone who answers these questions is not required. All data will be stored on a secure password-protected file on the University of Melbourne system, accessible only to the researchers. All research data will be destroyed 7 years from the time results are published.

Results

A summary of the results will be made available in the form of a publication or a presentation as well as the websites of our research partners.

Complaints

If you have any complaints about any aspect of the project, the way it is being conducted or any questions about being a research participant in general, then you may contact "Complaints Officer" and email communication to research@alfred.org.au or, president@mwia.net +234 805 767 1071. Quote Alfred Research project number 761/20.

Thank you for your contribution, Magdalena Simonis.

Results from this study will be made available upon request from the researchers. You can email the researchers directly at magdalena.simonis@unimelb.edu.au and request to be sent the results via email when they are available. If you have any questions about the research project you can contact the researchers:

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