

Prescription and adverse side effects of topical NSAIDs

Dear members of the Australian Rheumatology Association

Re: Survey invitation

“Defining the impact of topical non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs on renal function, a survey of Australasian Renal and Rheumatology Specialists”

You are invited to partake in a survey that will add valuable information towards assessing the impact of topical non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) use and adverse renal effects within Australasia.

This is being conducted by Matthew Terrill, one of the Advanced Trainees in Rheumatology, through Townsville Hospital, under the supervision of A/Prof Muriel Soden (Rheumatologist) and Dr Vikas Srivastava (Nephrologist).

The survey consists of only 12 questions and should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

A link to the survey is provided below:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/BZT5FV7

Attached to this email is further details, if you should choose to read.

Aim

The aims of this study are:

- To review prescribing practices of topical NSAIDs with Australasia.
- To search for adverse renal outcomes of topical NSAIDs within Australasia.

Method

A survey will be forwarded to members of the Australian Rheumatology Association (ARA) and the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology (ANZSN).

This survey consists of 12 questions, reviewing current prescribing practices of topical NSAIDs and whether participants have experienced any adverse renal effects of topical NSAIDs.

Participant involvement

The survey should take up to 10 minutes to complete. It is voluntary and anonymous. It may be stopped at any time, or completed at a later date.

Participants are asked to please click on the attached directory in the invitation email to begin the survey.

Consent

As the survey is voluntary, consent to partake is assumed once the survey is submitted.

Benefit of the study

It is anticipated that this study will add important information to the knowledge of the impact of topical NSAIDs on renal function as well as current prescribing practices of topical NSAIDs.

This may assist treating clinicians in decision making and provide a platform for further research into this field.

Harms of the study

The questionnaire should cause minimal harm to participants.

If you at any time feel uncomfortable or do not want to complete the questionnaire, you are not obligated to do so. Remember, participation is voluntary.

Confidentiality

The survey will be anonymous; there will be no link to any personal details. Results from the survey will be kept confidentially on the primary and associate investigators work computer at Townsville.

Hospital, and the primary investigators private USB, all are password protected; for a period of 5 years after the results are analysed. As the survey is anonymous, once submitted, the results cannot be changed or retracted.

Funding

This study will be funded by the Primary Investigator. The Rheumatology Department of Townsville Hospital will provide in kind support. This study has no independent financial support.

Study findings

Results will be submitted for publication in a peer reviewed journal and will be presented at a state or national meeting.

Questions

If you would like to find out the results of the study you have participated in, or if you have any questions relating to the research, please contact the primary investigator via email (see below).

If there are any concerns or complaints about this research, please contact the Townsville Hospital and Health Service Human Research Ethics Committee (see below).

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Again, thank you for your assistance with this study,

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