

Respirator User Medical Assessment in Medical Centers and Higher Education Project Details and Consent

Please participate in a research study about medical evaluations of respirator users in medical centers and/or educational institutions. Participation is voluntary, and you are not required to participate. Participants may withdraw at any time without penalty.

WHY? We are collecting information about how these examinations are performed, outcomes of examinations, and examination components which are useful or unnecessary. The information may be useful for practice benchmarking and possibly for influencing OSHA mandatory regulations.

HOW? Complete an online survey about your experiences and opinions. No patient specific information will be collected. You may enter responses directly from your general experience. Or, if you would like to contribute more specifically, you or a staff member may review and tally a consecutive series of patients you have evaluated. A summary sheet is available on the website to assist with this, and your tally may be helpful in your clinic operations. The information will be collected and maintained confidentially at the University of Arizona. Data from this study will be used for only for this project and not for future research projects.

HOW MUCH TIME? The questionnaire should require between 10 and 20 minutes. (If you review your cases in advance, more time commitment is needed).

RESULTS EXPECTED: The summary results will be shared with the occupational health professional community as a short communication and as a research paper. Summary results without identifiers may also be shared with regulatory organizations. Participants may write to the principal investigator and receive a short summary soon after most results have been obtained.

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE? The survey may be completed by health professionals conducting respirator medical evaluations (US and Canada only). This may include physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants. Only one person from each clinic should respond.

POTENTIAL RISKS AND BENEFITS: The information from this study will be used for research. This research may contribute to improving the accuracy and efficiency of medical assessments for respirator use. Participants may gain insights from responding to questions, which may help them identify important aspects of their practices. Risks are minimal. The information that you provide in the study will be handled confidentially. However, there may be circumstances where this information must be released or shared as required by law. The University of Arizona Institutional Review Board may review the research records for monitoring purposes. Information about individually identifiable clients/ patients will not be entered. Information about individual practice characteristics will not be released, so it is unlikely that a specific practice would be identified as an outlier in terms of processes. Participants may delete any responses they enter by erasing their entries while the form is open.

INVESTIGATOR & ADVISORY GROUP: The Principal Investigator is Philip Harber MD MPH of the University of Arizona. An advisory group of experts is assisting with this project. Current members are Dr Amy Behrman, Dr Rebecca Guest, Dr Marcia Isakari, Dr Rachel Leib, and Dr Robert McLellan.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Email pharber@arizona.edu with questions or suggestions. To speak by phone please email times that you may be available. For questions about your rights as a participant in this study or to discuss other study-related concerns or complaints with someone who is not part of the research team, you may contact the Human Subjects Protection Program Director at 520-626-8630 or online at <https://research.arizona.edu/compliance/human-subjects-protection-program>.