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Research Project Title: Chiropractic COVID-19 Global Impact Survey

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You are invited to take part in this research project called, 'The Chiropractic COVID-19 Global Impact Survey' if you are a licensed and practicing chiropractor. The study aims to improve knowledge about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on chiropractors across 5 continents.

This Participant Information Sheet tells you about the research project and what is involved. Please read this information carefully. You can ask questions about anything that you don't understand or want to know more about.

Participation in this research is voluntary and no participants can be identified. Consent to take part is required below before you complete and submit the survey.

### 1. What is the purpose of this research? +

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic there are various aspects to how it has impacted practitioner's lives. The aim of this project is to improve understanding of the impact of COVID-19 on chiropractors internationally. Information gained will help provide insights into the challenges many chiropractors around the world have faced and the potential need for better guidance for chiropractors about public health procedures in the future.

### 2. What does participation in this research involve? +

This once-only online questionnaire should take less than 15 minutes to complete. It has questions on your demographic and practice background. This is followed by questions about the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on you professionally, including how you conduct your practice and effects on your business. The last section has questions about the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on you personally, including your concerns and testing for COVID-19.

Apart from the project researchers, only the Macquarie University Ethics Committee can access the survey information to monitor and verify the accuracy of study information.

### 3. Do I have to take part in this research project? +

No. Participation in this research is voluntary. After the initial demographic's questions, none of the remaining survey questions are mandatory so you can choose to not answer any of these questions. You may change your mind at any time and stop completing the questionnaire without any consequence. Your decision to take part or not to take part, or to withdraw, will not affect your relationship with the researchers or universities involved in the study. After indicating your consent to participate, completing and submitting of the questionnaire is required to register your answers.

#### 4. What are the possible benefits of taking part? +

While we cannot promise that you will receive any direct benefits from this research, possible benefits may include gaining knowledge that may help to improve the public health procedures provided by chiropractors for any similar outbreaks in the future. You will not receive any payment for your involvement in this research.

#### 5. What are the possible risks and disadvantages of taking part? +

Although it is not envisaged that any negative consequences will occur, there is a possibility you may feel some of the questions we ask are stressful or upsetting. If you do not wish to answer a question, you may skip it and go to the next question, or you may stop immediately.

If you become upset or distressed as a result of your participation in this research, contact information is provided below for a support service in your country that offers free of charge counselling and support by qualified staff who are not members of the research team.

#### 6. What if I want to withdraw from this research project? +

You are free to withdraw from this research project up until the time you click on submit at the end of the survey. Because no information collected is identifiable, we cannot find and remove your information from the dataset after you submit the survey.

#### 7. What will happen to the information I provide? +

The information you provide will be completely confidential and no information provided can lead to the identification of any individuals. Information will be stored in a fully password protected software management system at Macquarie University for at least 5 years after publication of the results and may be used for future research projects that are closely related to the original project. The results of this research project may be published and presented in research forums and publications in a way that you cannot be identified.

#### 8. Who has reviewed this project? +

The ethical aspects of this research project have been approved by a Human Research Ethics Committee at Macquarie University.

**9. What if I have some general enquiries about participating in the study? +**

For further information concerning this research you can contact the chief investigator:

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For further information or any concerns about your participation in this research you can contact a regional representative on the research team:

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**10. What if I have a complaint about the study? +**

If you have any complaints about any aspect of this research, the way it is being conducted or any questions about being a research participant in general, then you may contact the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) approving this research. Any issues raised will be treated in confidence and investigated fully and you will be informed of the outcome.

Macquarie University Human Research Ethics Committee	Telephone +61 2 9850 7854	Email <a href="mailto:ethics@mq.edu.au">ethics@mq.edu.au</a>
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**11. What if I feel upset or distressed from participating in the study? +**

If you become upset or distressed as a result of your participation in this research, contact information for a support service is provided here:

Australia	Coronavirus Well-being Support Service	PH: 1800512348
Canada	Wellness Together Canada	PH: 1-866-585-0445
Denmark	Coronavirus Psykiatrifonden hotline	+45 39 25 25 25
Hong Kong	Centre for Health Protection	PH: 85228360071
United Kingdom	Free Samaritan helpline	PH: 116123
United States	Disaster Distress Helpline	PH:1-800-985-5990

Participation in this research requires you to confirm your consent. By confirming you are telling us that you understand what you have read and that you consent to take part, otherwise please exit from starting the survey here.

Yes, I am a licensed practicing chiropractor and I understand what I have read and consent to proceed as a participant.

[Download the Participant Information as PDF here.](#)