

Request to publish case study participant information Sheet

We are contacting you because we would like you to consider giving your consent for publication of a case study report involving information about your recent treatment.

Case study reports are articles written about patients who have rare or unusual illnesses, or where a treatment plan has an unexpected positive or negative outcome.

We have provided some brief information about case studies to help you to decide whether or not you wish to give consent. Please take some time to read the information provided and you may also like to discuss this further with the researchers or with friends or family.

Definition

A case study report is an article that describes a particular patient's diagnosis and treatment plan. A case study report is written in a specific format and can be submitted to peer-reviewed journals. Most of the cases chosen for medical case studies are of unusual diagnoses or include complications in treatment.

The purpose of publishing a case study is to inform the wider medical and research community of an unusual or unexpected finding or event, where doing so might change or improve future treatment or practice.

Confidentiality and privacy

While the researchers will take every care to protect your privacy, will not publish personal information about you, and because the events described in case reports are usually very rare, it is not possible to guarantee that your identity could not be guessed or discovered by someone reading the report.

Patient information and consent

Research ethics guidelines require that a patient who is the focus of a case study report must provide written consent. Many journals also have their own consent forms that must be completed and signed by the patient before the report is submitted.

By signing the consent form, you consent to the researcher(s) and relevant research staff, collecting and using personal information about you for the case study. Any information obtained in connection with this project that can identify you will remain confidential. Your information will only be used for the purpose of reporting the case study and it will only be disclosed with your permission, except as required by law.

If you would like further information concerning this project, you can contact the following:

Name	
Position	
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If you have any complaints about any aspect of the project, the way it is being conducted, or any questions about being a participant in general, then you may contact the Gold Coast Health Office for Research Governance and Development on (07) 5687 3879.