



University of Brighton

Participant Information Sheet

Title of Research Project

Optimising Medication in Older Adults Initiated on Systemic Anticancer Therapies: A Qualitative Study of Pharmacy Practice in UK Cancer Services

Invitation to participate

We would like to invite you to take part in our research project. Before you decide, it's important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it would involve for you. Please take the time to read this information sheet. Talk to others about the study if you wish and contact the research team if there is anything unclear. You will be given time to think about whether you wish to take part before making a decision and may download a copy for your records.

Introduction and what is the purpose of the study/project?

The aim of this study is to understand the role of pharmacy professionals in reviewing and managing medications for older adults initiated on systemic anticancer therapies (SACT). The study will explore current practices, challenges, and educational needs to inform future service development and workforce planning.

Why have I been invited to participate?

You have been invited because you are a pharmacy professional working in a cancer service in the UK and have experience in managing medications for older adults receiving SACT.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you if you wish to take part. It's important that you read this information sheet to understand what is involved before you make a decision to participate. If you decide to take part, you will be asked to sign a consent form to confirm you understand what is involved. You can withdraw from the study up to 4 weeks after the interview without giving a reason, and without any consequences to your professional role.

If you or any family member have an on-going relationship with the University of Brighton or the research team, e.g. as a member of staff, as student or other service user, your decision on whether to take part (or continue to take part) will not affect this relationship in any way.

Can I change my mind about taking part?

Yes, you can stop participating in study activities without giving a reason.

If I change my mind, what happens to my information?

After you decide to withdraw from the study, we will not collect any further information from or about you.

Regarding the information already collected, your rights to access, change or move that information are limited. This is because we need to manage your information in specific ways for the research to be reliable and accurate. You can read more about this in the [Research Privacy Notice](#).

What will happen to me if I take part?

Taking part will involve having a virtual interview lasting approximately 45 to 60 minutes with the lead researcher, Kavita Kantilal. The interview will be conducted via Microsoft Teams at a time convenient to you. With your permission the interview will be recorded and transcribed for analysis. The transcripts of the interview will be reviewed by the lead researcher to check for accuracy. The recordings will be stored securely and deleted when the data has been analysed.

You will be given the choice of receiving a short report of the findings of the study once it has been completed. Once the interview has been completed, you will not be contacted again until the report of the study is ready, and you will not be asked to take part in any other activities connected with the study.

Will I be reimbursed for taking part?

This study is being conducted as part of a master's in health research. There is no reimbursement for taking part in the study.

What are the benefits and potential disadvantages of taking part?

Whilst there are no immediate benefits for those people participating in the project, it is hoped that this work will provide insights to help improve pharmacy practice and service delivery for older adults with cancer. The findings may inform training and development for pharmacy teams and contribute to better patient outcomes.

Whilst we do not anticipate any risks to you in taking part in this study, you may have negative thoughts and feelings during the interview if sensitive or upsetting topics are brought up. If you become distressed or upset at any point during the interview, the interviewer will offer to stop the session and will only restart if and when you feel ready to do so. There will be no pressure for you to continue. If you decide you wish to continue, the interviewer will ensure they monitor you for any further signs of distress and consider offering you information on supportive services which may be useful to you. You are free to decline to answer any question during the interview and may stop the interview at any time.

If you disclose information that suggests a risk of harm to yourself or others, or reveal serious professional malpractice, the lead researcher may be ethically obliged to report this to the appropriate authorities. This will be done in line with safeguarding policies and where possible, after discussing it with you.

How will my information be managed?

The University of Brighton has overall responsibility for this study and are the Data Controller of your personal information, which means that we are responsible for looking after your information and using it appropriately.

We manage research data strictly in accordance with:

- Ethical requirements; and
- Current data protection laws. These control use of information about identifiable individuals, but do not apply to anonymous research data: "anonymous" means that we have either removed or not collected any pieces of data or links to other data which identify a specific person as the subject or source of a research result.

The university's [Research Privacy Notice](#) provides information about how we fulfil our responsibilities as a data controller and about your rights as an individual under the data protection legislation. You can also scan this QR code.



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Research data will be used only for the purposes of the study or related uses identified in the Privacy Notice or this Information Sheet. To safeguard your rights in relation to your personal information, we will use the minimum personally-identifiable information possible and control access to that data.

Security and access controls

The university will hold the information we collect about you in hard copy in a secure location or on a password protected secure network where held electronically.

Personal information which has not been anonymised will be accessed and used only by appropriate, authorised individuals and when this is necessary for the purposes of the research or another purpose identified in the Privacy Notice.

Information will be anonymised during transcription and analysis. Once anonymised, it may not be possible to remove your individual information. This will usually be two weeks after the interview. We will not be able to remove your information after this time.

Further use of your information

The information collected about you may be used in an anonymous form to support other research projects in the future and access to it in this form will not be restricted. It will not be possible for you to be identified from this data. To enable this use, anonymised data will be added to the University of Brighton Research Data Repository [or other secure database] where data is stored and can be used for other research purposes.

Retention of research data

Project governance documentation, including copies of signed participant agreements: we keep this documentation for a long period after completion of the research, so that we have records of how we conducted the research and who took part. The only personal information in this documentation will be your name and signature, and we will not be able to link this to any anonymised research results. Research data is normally held for a minimum of 10 years.

What will happen to the results of the project?

The results will be analysed and used to inform publications, presentations, and service development recommendations. You will not be identified in any report or publication. A summary of the findings will be shared with you if you decided this during consent.

What if I have a question or concern?

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Kavita Kantilal by email to k.kantilal1@uni.brighton.ac.uk.

In case of complaints

Any concerns about the study should be directed to Warren Stewart, study supervisor by email to w.stewart@brighton.ac.uk. If your concerns have not been answered by Warren Stewart, you should contact the Chair of Ethics Committee, Dr Alex Channon by email to A.Channon@brighton.ac.uk.

Who has reviewed the study?

Date: 18 Dec 2025

The study has been reviewed and given a favourable ethical opinion by the University of Brighton Research Ethics Committee.