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INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS

ROLE TRANSITIONING INTO CANCER NURSING CARE: EXPLORING THE EXPERIENCES OF REGISTERED NURSES IN NEW ZEALAND PUBLIC TERTIARY HOSPITALS.

Tēnā koe/ Tēnā koutou katoa

You are invited to take part in this research. Please read this information before deciding whether or not to take part. If you decide to participate, thank you. If you decide not to participate, thank you for considering this request.

Ko wai ahau / Who am I?

My name is Abigail Graham. I am a Doctoral candidate in the Doctor of Nursing programme at Te Herenga Waka | Victoria University of Wellington. I am also a practising registered cancer nurse. This research project contributes towards my thesis.

He aha te whāinga mō tēnei rangahau / What is the aim of the project?

The study will explore the role transition experiences of registered nurses in cancer care within New Zealand's tertiary public hospitals. The transition into cancer nursing is a significant change, requiring nurses to develop new skills, adapt to emotionally demanding environments, and integrate into multidisciplinary teams, all while maintaining a focus on delivering patient-centred care. The aim of this study is to understand the factors that influence the successful integration of registered nurses into cancer care settings. By examining these factors, I hope to provide insights that will help hospitals and the nursing profession better support registered nurses as they move into cancer specialties. This support is vital for building a sustainable and effective cancer nursing workforce in New Zealand.

Your participation will offer invaluable insights as you navigate your transition into cancer nursing. The findings from this study will not only contribute to improving support systems but also raise awareness on cancer nursing role transitioning experiences.

Thank you for considering participating in this research. Your experiences will be valuable in shaping the future of nursing in cancer care.

The Human Ethics Committee (HEC) has approved this research –Victoria University of Wellington HE040068.

Ka pēhea tō āwhina mai / How can you help?

You are invited to participate in this study because you are a New Zealand registered nurse who:

- Has been employed in a cancer nursing care role for a period of six months to two years in a tertiary public hospital.
- Works directly with patients in an inpatient oncology/haematology wards or day units.
- Has transitioned into cancer care from other nursing specialties OR
- Has recently entered cancer nursing as a graduate registered nurse.

Participants like you bring a diverse range of backgrounds, knowledge, skills, and experiences, providing valuable perspectives on transitioning into cancer nursing.

Should you choose to participate:

- I propose to conduct an online interview via Zoom at a time that is convenient for you. Each interview will last approximately 60- 90 minutes.
- You are welcome to bring a support person, such as a partner, friend, or whānau member. However, their contributions will not be included in the research findings.
- The interview will be audio-recorded and subsequently transcribed.
- You may skip any question, decline to continue, or withdraw from the study two-week post data collection without needing to provide a reason. You can contact me or my supervisors to withdraw, and any unanalysed data you provided will be destroyed or returned to you, while analysed data will remain part of the study results.
- Participants are kindly asked not to include identifying details about patients, colleagues, hospitals or others not directly involved in the research. Any such information will be anonymised during transcription to protect privacy

Ka ahatia ngā kōrero ka tukuna mai / What will happen to the information you give?

This research is confidential. This means that the researchers named below will be aware of your identity, but the research data will be combined, and your identity will not be revealed in any reports, presentations, or public documentation. Every effort will be made to protect your identity in this study. However, because of the small number of cancer nurses being interviewed in each hospital and the specificity of some work settings, it is possible that you may be identifiable to others based on what you say. We will anonymise data as much as possible and remove identifying details during transcription and reporting. Only my supervisors and I will access your interview transcripts and recordings.

In line with university policy, your data will be securely stored and set to be destroyed on **04.11.2030**. However, this study also aligns with Māori data sovereignty principles,

particularly kaitiakitanga (guardianship, care and nurturing), and acknowledges the inherent right of Māori participants to control their data and narratives shared during the research process. Therefore, you will also have the right to retain ownership of your data shared during the interview and can decide when or whether your data should be destroyed or not. Upholding kaitiakitanga involves conducting the study ethically, with cultural sensitivity, ensuring participants' contributions are respected, safeguarded, and appropriately utilised. Not only will Māori participants retain authority over decisions regarding their data's use, storage, access, and disposal, in consultation with the researcher, Māori consultation and guidance from Māori research advisors have been integral since the study's inception. By adhering to VUW's core values, Te Ara Tika Guidelines, Te Mana Raraunga guidance and Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles, this research demonstrates a firm commitment to data sovereignty, the protection of Māori knowledge, and the preservation of cultural integrity throughout the research lifecycle.

He aha ngā hua o te rangahau / What will the project produce?

The findings will be included in my doctoral thesis and may be published in academic journals, presented at conferences, and incorporated into nursing education programs.

Ki te whakaae mai koe, he aha ō mōtika hei kaitautoko i tēnei rangahau / If you accept this invitation, what are your rights as a research participant?

You do not have to accept this invitation if you do not want to. If you do decide to participate, you have the right to:

- choose not to answer any question.
- ask for the recorder to be turned off at any time during the interview.
- withdraw from the study two weeks post data collection before your data is analysed.
- ask any questions about the study at any time.
- receive a full transcript of their interview and be given an opportunity to provide comments
- be able to read any reports of this research by emailing the researcher to request a copy.
- retain ownership of data shared during interview.

Confidentiality will be preserved except where you disclose something that causes me to be concerned about a risk of harm to yourself and/or others.

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He kōrero whakamārama mō HEC / Human Ethics Committee information

If you have any concerns about the ethical conduct of the research you may raise this with the HEC Convenor, Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, by emailing human-ethics@vuw.ac.nz or phoning the University's Service Centre on 0800 04 04 04.