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***Contemporary needs of vaccinators in Aotearoa New Zealand and the communities they serve: a cross-sectional vaccinator survey***

**INFORMATION SHEET FOR  
PARTICIPANTS**

Thank you for showing an interest in this joint project between University of Otago and University of Auckland. Please read this information sheet carefully before deciding whether to participate. If you decide to participate, we thank you. If you decide not to take part, there will be no disadvantage to you, and we thank you for considering our invitation.

**What is the Aim of the Project?**

The aim of this research is to understand the changing barriers, challenges, and facilitators to vaccine uptake in pēpi (babies) and tamariki (children) according to the front-line vaccinator workforce in NZ and understand what support vaccinators need to work effectively with whānau to support immunisation uptake.

**What Type of Participants are being sought?**

You have been invited to participate in this research as a member of IMAC's mailing list. For this study, we are recruiting 385 healthcare professionals who are involved in administering vaccines to pēpi (babies) and tamariki (children) and are proficient in English. You must be over 18 years of age to participate in this study.

At the completion of the survey, you will be able to enter the draw to win one of five \$50 vouchers.

**What will Participants be Asked to Do?**

Should you agree to take part in this project, you will be asked to take part in an online anonymous survey that will take up to 10 minutes of your time, and you can do this on your computer, phone or tablet.

Please be aware that you can decide not to take part in the project without any disadvantage to yourself of any kind. We do not anticipate that you will experience any discomforts or risks by participating in this research.

If you agree to participate in this study, submitting your responses online in the survey implies consent.

### **What Data or Information will be Collected and What Use will be Made of it?**

Only brief contact information will be collected to enter you into the draw for the voucher and/or receive a summary of the findings (if you choose to) and this information will not be linked to your survey responses. Your survey responses will remain anonymous. To describe the participants in the study for research outputs we will ask you some basic demographic questions such as your age, your role, and how long you have worked in your role, but responses will be combined to ensure your anonymity in reporting the outcomes of this project. No personally identifiable information will be included the final outputs or reports.

All data collected will be safely stored using password protection and only members of the research team (research supervisors and Master's student researcher) will have access to this information.

Data obtained as a result of the research will be retained for **at least 5 years** in secure storage. Any personal information held on the participants (such as contact details) may be destroyed at the completion of the research even though the data derived from the research will, in most cases, be kept for much longer or possibly indefinitely.

The results of the project may be published and will be available in the University of Otago Central Library - Te Pātaka Kura Pokapū o te Whare Wānanga o Ōtākou, but every attempt will be made to ensure that you will not be identified. The results will also be used as part of Jasmine Sanson's (University of Auckland) Master's dissertation.

### **Can Participants Change their Mind and Withdraw from the Project?**

You may withdraw from participation in the project at any time (by discontinuing the survey) without any disadvantage to yourself of any kind. Once you have submitted responses to the survey, we will not be able to withdraw your data because all responses are anonymous, and it will be aggregated with the other responses.

### **What if Participants have any Questions?**

If you have any questions about our project, either now or in the future, please feel free to contact either:

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This study has been approved by the School of Pharmacy, University of Otago. However, if you have any concerns about the ethical conduct of the research you may contact the University of Otago Human Ethics Committee Te Pae Matatika Tangata, Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka through the Human Ethics Committee Administrator (ph +643 479 8256 or email [humanethics@otago.ac.nz](mailto:humanethics@otago.ac.nz)). Any issues you raise will be treated in confidence and investigated and you will be informed of the outcome.