



Community Pharmacists' Experiences and Awareness in the Initial Assessment, Management and Referral of Burn Injuries affecting Children

Participant Information Sheet

You are being invited to take part in a research study exploring pharmacists' experiences and awareness of burn injuries affecting children. Before you decide whether to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being conducted and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully before deciding whether to take part and discuss it with others if you wish. Please ask if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

About the research

Who will conduct the research?

The research is led by Prof. Mamta Shah, Consultant Burns and Plastic Surgeon, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital and The School of Health Sciences at the University of Manchester Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PT.

Other research team members include:

Dr Nomaan Wilson-Baig, Consultant in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh; Dr Penny Lewis, Senior Clinical lecturer, Division of Pharmacy and Optometry, University of Manchester; Mr Jonathon Pleat, Consultant Burns and Plastic Surgeon, Bristol Royal Hospital for Children, Bristol; Mr Bence C Baljer, Specialist Registrar in Plastic Surgery, North Bristol NHS Trust, Bristol; Suhaila Abouhadid, Plastic Surgery registrar, Manchester University Foundation NHS Trust; Prof. Paul White, University of Bristol; Sharon Standen, Manager, South West Burns Clinical Network, Bristol.

What is the purpose of the research?

Burn injuries are common, with many people, especially children, needing medical help each year. Good early care is important to reduce complications and improve recovery. Community pharmacies are often the first place people go for help with minor injuries, including burns. However, we do not yet know how confident pharmacists feel about assessing burns, giving advice, or deciding when someone needs specialist treatment. This study aims to understand pharmacists' experiences and training needs so we can improve the care and safety of people who come to pharmacies with burn injuries, particularly children.

Am I suitable to take part:

We would welcome your participation if:

- You are a pharmacist currently working in a community pharmacy. You can take part whether you work full-time or part-time, and whether you are employed or self-employed

Will the outcomes of the research be published?

The findings of this research will be shared in a study report, academic publications and conference presentations.

Who has reviewed the research project?

The project has been reviewed by the University of Manchester Ethical Review committee and is deemed to be exempt from ethical approval.

Who is funding the research project?

There is no funding for this project

What would my involvement be?

What would I be asked to do if I took part?

If you decide to participate, you will be invited to take part in an online survey hosted by Qualtrics (a secure university approved survey software). The survey will ask questions about your experience and knowledge of assessing and managing bums in children. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Please note, the survey is anonymous and your device identification (IP address) will not be collected.

We do not anticipate any ethical implications or risks through participation in the research. We hope you will benefit from the new knowledge this study will produce.

Will I be compensated for taking part?

No compensation will be offered for taking part.

What happens if I do not want to take part or if I change my mind?

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and will be asked to tick a box to confirm consent when you begin the survey. If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason and without detriment to yourself up until the point that you submit your online responses. It will not be possible to remove your data from the project once you have submitted your responses as they are collected anonymously and we will not be able to identify your specific data. This does not affect your data protection rights. If you decide not to take part you do not need to do anything further.

Data Protection and Confidentiality

What information will you collect about me?

The survey will be anonymous and we do not need to collect any personal information from you to take part.

Will my participation in the study be confidential and my personal identifiable information be protected?

All information gathered for this survey is anonymous. Data collected will be stored securely on University of Manchester server for 5 years. The research team will have access to the anonymous information for analysis.

Please also note that individuals from The University of Manchester or regulatory authorities may need to look at the data collected for this study to make sure the project is being carried out as planned.

What if I have a complaint?

Contact details for complaints

If you have a complaint that you wish to direct to members of the research team, please contact: Prof. Mamta Shah [mamta.shah@manchester.ac.uk]

If you wish to make a formal complaint to someone independent of the research team, or if you are not satisfied with the response you have gained from the researchers in the first instance, then please contact:

The Research Ethics Manager, Research Office, Christie Building, The University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL, by emailing: research.complaints@manchester.ac.uk or by telephoning 0161 306 8089.

If you wish to contact us about your data protection rights, please email dataprotection@manchester.ac.uk or write to The Information Governance Office, Christie Building, The University of Manchester, Oxford Road, M13 9PL at the University and we will guide you through the process of exercising your rights.

You also have a right to complain to the [Information Commissioner's Office about complaints relating to your personal identifiable information](#) Tel 0303 123 1113

Contact Details

If you have any other queries about the study please contact the study Principle Investigator: Prof. Mamta Shah, Consultant Burns and Plastic Surgeon Royal Manchester Children's Hospital [mamta.shah@manchester.ac.uk]