Explanatory Statement

1. Study title and Researcher Details

Main study: “My early attempts at CPR”: Reviewing how novice clinical practitioners make sense of their first experiences of undertaking Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

Degree for which the research is being conducted: Doctorate in Education, University of Glasgow

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Please feel free to contact any one of us if you would like further information or to discuss the research.

2. Invitation paragraph

“Dear name or title:

My name is Dr Peter Barton. I am a senior Lecturer in the Department of General Practice of Monash University and I would like to invite you to participate in this research study. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask me if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

Thank you for reading this’.

Dr Peter J.M. Barton

3. What is the purpose of the study?

This study is designed to improve the understanding of how performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation affects health care practitioners. Please note that this is independent of the success of the attempt itself. Previous research taken close to graduation consistently shows that cardiopulmonary resuscitation is one of the most stressful tasks that young clinicians anticipate performing upon entry into the workplace.

It is hoped that by undertaking an in depth interview with clinicians close to their actual CPR experience insights will be gained that will be useful in preparing future clinicians for similar responsibility. This could potentially lessen the stress young clinicians experience at this time and clarify what support they require.

4. Why have I been chosen?

You are a new clinician and your experience in performing CPR and what you feel about these actions is what the research will focus on. Only those with direct experience of CPR can provide the personal insights of how it felt during and after performing CPR. This means looking at how you describe the event and what you think and feel about it.

5. Do I have to take part?

No. It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you decide not to take part you will not be asked to give a reason. If you do decide to take part you are still free to withdraw at any time without
giving a reason. This recruitment is an entirely voluntary process and you should wish to be interviewed rather than feel any pressure to do so.

6. What will happen to me if I take part?

I will contact you to arrange a suitable time and place for your single face-to-face interview. You can withdraw at any time up to commencement of your face-to-face interview. This would most likely be at your workplace. I will ask some questions at the beginning and then ask other questions that seem appropriate after this. At any stage you are free to refuse to answer a specific question or to ask for the interview to be stopped. The interview will be recorded using a digital tape recorder. If, after the interview has taken place, you are unhappy with what you have said being recorded then you can ask me to delete your interview and this will be done; any material you have contributed will be removed permanently. After the interview, you will be sent a transcript of the interview and if you wish to revise the transcript once you have seen it, then you will be offered an opportunity for this.

7. Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?

All information collected from you during the course of the research will be anonymised and will be stored securely. You will be identified by an ID number (for example participant 6) and any information about you will have your identity and those identified by you during the interview removed. In any publication of this research you will be identified exclusively by your ID number. Any information that can identify you will remain confidential and will only be used for the purposes of this research. Information will only be disclosed with your permission, except if required by law. Whilst it is not possible to offer an absolute guarantee of confidentiality/anonymity, all reasonable steps will be taken to do so.

8. What will happen to the results of the research study?

The results of the study will be circulated to you before anyone else is aware of them. This material would be published as a postgraduate submission with further dissemination as conference papers and journal articles. These would be in internationally recognised and peer reviewed journals on education, medical education, professional preparation, and emergency medicine.

9. Who is organising and funding the research? (If relevant)

Dr Peter Barton is organising this research as part of his Doctorate in Education. There is no funding body supporting this research. Dr Barton works as an academic GP in the department of General Practice of Monash University and is a practising GP in metropolitan Melbourne.

10. Who has reviewed the study?

This study has been reviewed by the Ethics Committee of the School of Education of the University of Glasgow and has been approved by them. It has then been passed in Victoria by the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (MUHREC).

11. Storage of data

Storage of data will adhere to Monash University regulations and Victorian and National (federal) privacy legislation. Any hard copies will be kept in a locked cabinet/filing cabinet for five years and electronic data will be on a password protected hard drive, within the Department of General Practice, for 5 years. The written data will be shredded and the electronic data deleted. At the end of the research study all interviews will be deleted.

12. Results

If you would like to be informed of the aggregated results of this research study please contact Dr Peter Barton on the contact numbers or emails listed at the beginning of this document.

13. Contact for Further Information
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If you have any concerns regarding the conduct of the research project you may contact:

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Yours sincerely

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