

Study investigates self-treatment of wounds – call for participants.

Suzanne Kapp, a PhD student, and Professor Nick Santamaria from The University of Melbourne are conducting a study that is investigating self-treatment of chronic wounds. The aim of the study is to describe the characteristics and impact of self-treatment of chronic wounds among people who live in the community. The study will inform the development of educational resources to assist people to self-treat.

People are eligible if they are 18 years or older, have one or more wound that has been present four weeks or longer, and if they conduct some or all wound treatment activities (such as wound cleaning and dressing application and removal). People are still eligible if sometimes a health professional or carer does some or all of the wound treatment. Most participants complete one survey - either online, on paper or over the phone. Some Victorian participants can also participate in an interview.

The researchers would really like to hear from people who have EB and who have done some self-treatment. The main benefit of participating is the opportunity to contribute to a study that is raising the profile of chronic wounds and the contribution and efforts of people who self treat. Your participation will also make sure that the perspectives of people who have chronic wounds are taken into account during the development of educational resources to assist self-treaters - so your contribution is very important and highly valued!

To contact Suzanne call 03 8344 3894 or phone or text on 0412 972 106. More information about the study can be found at www.selftreatmentofwounds.net