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### **Information Statement for the Research Project: Survey on Health Care Professional Perspectives on the Historical Genesis of Manual Therapy across Professions**

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You are invited to participate in the research project identified above which is being conducted by Cameron W. MacDonald, Associate Professor Robert Parkes and Dr Peter Osmotherly from The University of Newcastle, Australia. The research is part Cameron W. MacDonald's PhD studies at the University of Newcastle, supervised by Dr Peter Osmotherly from the School of Health Sciences and A/P Robert Parkes from the School of Education at The University of Newcastle, Australia.

#### ***Why is the research being done?***

This survey-based research seeks to identify the current perspectives on the historical genesis of manual therapy (mobilization, manipulation etc.) from health care professionals including physiotherapists, chiropractors, osteopaths and medical physicians.

#### ***Who can participate in the research?***

We are seeking health professionals (physiotherapists, chiropractors, osteopaths and medical physicians) who have an interest in the historical development of manual therapy. You have been selected to receive this information because you were identified as either a member of the following groups:

- The International Consortium on Manual Therapies (ICMT)
- The Association for the History of Chiropractic (AHC)
- The American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM)
- The American Osteopathic Association - Museum of Osteopathic Medicine (AOA-MOM)
- The American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy (AAOMPT)
- The International Federation of Orthopaedic Manipulative Physical Therapy (IFOMPT)

AND/OR

- You have previously presented or published on the historical development of manual therapy as listed authors on published papers or presentations
- AND/OR
- Your interest in the history of manual therapy has previously been identified by the researchers on this project

If you are not a physiotherapist, chiropractor, osteopath, or medical physician, you are not eligible to participate. If you are unfamiliar with the history of manual therapy or unable to complete the survey in English, you are also ineligible to participate.

#### ***What would you be asked to do?***

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to participate in an online survey. In the survey you will answer questions on your professional demographics. The survey will seek your perspective on the genesis of manual therapy, the roles of different practitioners, the timeline and genesis of manual therapy by location, the influences of different professions on the development of manual therapy and the importance of the history of manual therapy as it relates to current education, clinical practice and regulations. You will be able to provide further information if you wish.

The information developed from this process will help to inform the historical genesis of manual therapy and provide insight into potential disagreement on the historical genesis between individual professionals

and professions. The identified information may allow for the revision and updating of education, practice and regulations to improve the availability of manual therapies to the public/consumer.

This survey is being delivered to you through one of two mechanisms:

1. You have been provided this survey from one of the following groups - The ICMT (International Consortium for Manual Therapy – which has members across all primary manual therapy professions), AAOMPT (American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists), AHC – Association for the History of Chiropractic), IFOMPT (International Federation of Orthopaedic Manipulative Physical Therapists), AAHM (American Association for the History of Medicine), AOA-MOM (American Osteopathic Association-Museum of Osteopathic Medicine)
2. You have been identified by the primary investigators in this study as having a recognized professional interest and/or expertise in the history of manual therapy

During the survey you will also be invited to register your interest in a later follow up focus group or structured interview which will be undertaken following the completion of this survey. Participation in this follow up interview/group is not required to complete the survey.

### ***What choice do you have?***

Participation in this research is entirely your choice. Only those people who provide their informed consent and proceed will be included in the project. Whether or not you decide to participate, your decision will not disadvantage you. Your relationships with the researchers, if any, will not be affected by your decision whether or not to participate. If you do decide to participate, you may withdraw from the project without giving a reason up until the point of submitting the survey. Any submitted responses will be included in analyses.

### ***How much time will it take?***

The survey will take approximately 15-25 minutes to complete (depending on the detail of your response).

### ***What are the risks and benefits of participating?***

There are no anticipated risks associated with participating in this research. While there are no anticipated benefits to you personally in participating in this research, the findings will contribute to the available literature on the subject which may lead to indirect benefits for your practice and knowledge as a health professional and your role in education, advocacy and clinical practice.

### ***How will your privacy be protected?***

Due to the nature of a survey the responses you provide will not be identifiable unless you chose to provide information to allow us to contact you for potential inclusion in the follow up structured interviews/focus groups. If you provide this contact information this data will be kept separate from the responses to the other questions in the survey, and your survey responses will be analyzed separately from your contact information. From the survey, only group level responses will be reported, and no individuals nor institutions will be identifiable in any presentations or reports arising from the project. Identifiable data (names) will be replaced by numerical codes. During the survey, data will be stored on a password protected server through Qualtrics software. This company is a common vendor used for survey research and has significant data protection policies in place. Please see the Qualtrics security statement here: <https://www.qualtrics.com/security-statement/>

Following the data collection period, the data will be downloaded from the Qualtrics server and securely stored as described below:

Data will be retained securely for a minimum period of 5 years from completion of the research and managed/stored in accordance with the University's Research Data and Materials Management Guideline

(see <https://policies.newcastle.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=72> ) or any successor Guideline, and applicable University of Newcastle policy provisions (as amended from time to time).

Access to any identifiable data will be restricted to members of the research team, unless:

- you have consented otherwise; or
- disclosure is required by law in order for us to comply with our regulatory obligations.

### ***How will the information collected be used?***

The collected data will contribute towards Cameron MacDonald's PhD thesis and may be presented in peer-reviewed publications or conferences. Individual participants will not be identified in any reports arising from the project, only group level responses will be reported. As the survey is anonymous, unless an individual consents to be contacted for the follow up focus group/structured interview, survey data will not be supplied to participants.

### ***What do you need to do to participate?***

Please read this Information Statement and be sure you understand its contents before you consent to participate. If there is anything you do not understand, or you have questions, please contact the research team. If you would like to participate, please click the link to the survey below (bottom right). Completion and submission/return of this online survey will be taken as your consent to participate.

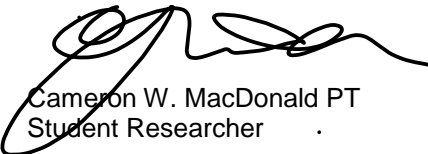
### ***Further information***

If you would like further information, please contact one of the members of the research team below:


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Thank you for considering this invitation.



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### ***Complaints about this research***

This project has been approved by the University's Newcastle's Human Research Ethics Committee, Approval No **H-2022-0116**.

Should you have concerns about your rights as a participant in this research, or you have a complaint about the manner in which the research is conducted, it may be given to the researcher, or, if an independent person is preferred, to the Human Research Ethics Officer, Research & Innovation Services, The University of Newcastle, University Drive, Callaghan NSW 2308, Australia, telephone +61 (02) 4921 6333, email [Human-Ethics@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Human-Ethics@newcastle.edu.au),