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Global Medical Student Partnership

Consent to Participate in a Research Study
Informed Consent Information Sheet

You are invited participate in a research study. Your participation would involve a post-program online questionnaire, taking part in a post-program interview, and allowing us to analyze your Global Medical Student Partnership (GMSP) case-based answers. Before you consent to participate, it is important that you read the following information and ask as many questions as necessary to be sure you understand what your participation will involve.

Title: Evaluation of the effectiveness of the Global Medical Student Partnership (GMSP) initiative in medical education

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Purpose of Study
The importance of cultural safety and patient advocacy is paramount to the role of a physician. The GMSP aims to create an international network of medical students who together will discuss issues pertaining to global health. Each student will share his/her unique local and cultural expertise, allowing all students to engage with global health issues on a direct level. Not only will participants develop knowledge in global health, they will also form relationships with medical students studying around the world, and will be provided with a platform to advocate for

diverse patients' needs. This study aims to evaluate the effectiveness of the GMSP program at achieving these objectives.

Description of Study
This research involves one online questionnaire, one-on-one post-program interviews with participants, and analysis of participants' GMSP case data.

You have been approached to participate because you are a GMSP member. We would like to learn more about your experiences in the GMSP program. If you agree to participate, you will complete a post-program online survey as well as an individual interview with a member of the research team in person or over the phone. Additionally, the answers you provide to the monthly cases throughout the GMSP program will be analyzed. The survey information will be stored on an encrypted USB device. The interview will last a maximum of 40 minutes and will be recorded using a digital audio recorder. We will communicate with you to arrange a convenient time for the interview. After the interview, we will have the audio file transcribed (written in text). Any potentially identifying information will be excluded. We will use the transcripts from our interviews as our source of data.

Potential Risks or Discomforts
By taking part in this study, there is a slight risk of experiencing anxiety or emotional discomfort during the observation and interview process. You are under no obligation to continue participating in the study if you are experiencing undue anxiety. Your responses will remain confidential. Every effort will be made to protect your data by de-linking identifying information from study data. Should you require help managing any anxiety, we will help you contact your faculty's wellness centre.

Potential Benefits
Your questionnaire, interview and case data may provide valuable insights on evaluation practice in medical education. It will also provide you with an opportunity to reflect on your experience with GMSP. This will contribute to guiding future evaluation practice in medical education in global health, and will enable you to think critically about your experiences.

Confidentiality and Privacy
No information that discloses your identity will be released or published at any time. After digitally recorded audio interviews are transcribed and survey results and case-based answers have been collected and analyzed, the recording and survey data will be destroyed. Names and identifying details will not be included during transcription, and will not appear in transcripts. Transcripts will be de-identified. These data will be retained on an encrypted USB device and the University of Toronto's secure server until the publication of results. Seven years after this point, all data will be destroyed.

Any publication or presentation based on the results of this study will be reported in aggregate, and will not contain any details that would allow you to be identified personally. Your participation in this project will not be disclosed to anyone outside of the research team unless required by law.

Study Results
Results will be communicated to participants and/or communities through publications, journal articles and presentations. If you wish to be informed of the results, once they have become available, please contact principal investigator, Hannah Samuels by email (Hannah.samuels@mail.utoronto.ca).

Compensation for Injury
In no way does consenting to this study waive your legal rights or release the study investigators, sponsors or involved institutions from their legal and professional responsibilities.

Cost and/or Compensation for Participation
There is no cost associated with participation in this study. There is no financial compensation offered for your participation.

Participation and Withdrawal
Participation in this study is entirely voluntary. Decision not to participate, or to withdraw, will not result in negative consequences for you professionally, academically or personally. If you decide to participate, you are free to refuse to answer any question or to withdraw your consent and stop your participation. Data gathered from participants who withdraw prior to completion of the data collection phase will not be included in the study. If you choose to withdraw after data collection is complete, every attempt will be made to remove your contributions to the study. No direct references or instances of your data will be included in any future work once you have withdrawn, as your raw data (survey data, audio recordings, transcripts) will be destroyed. However, after the data have been analyzed, you will not be able to withdraw from the study. If you wish to withdraw, please contact the principal investigator, Hannah Samuels by email (Hannah.samuels@mail.utoronto.ca).

Research Ethics Board Contact
If you have any questions about your rights as a participant, you can contact the University of Toronto Research Oversight and Compliance Office - Human Research Ethics Program at ethics.review@utoronto.ca or 416-946-3273.

Please note that the research study you are participating in may be reviewed for quality assurance to make sure that the required laws and guidelines are followed. If chosen, (a) representative(s) of the Human Research Ethics Program (HREP) may access study-related data and/or consent materials as part of the review. All information accessed by the HREP will be upheld to the same level of confidentiality that has been stated by the research team.

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The research study has been explained to me, and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I have been informed of the alternatives to participation in this study. I have the right not to participate and the right to withdraw without affecting me negatively in any way. As well, the potential harms and benefits (if any) of participating in this research study have been explained to me.

I have been told that I have not waived my legal rights nor released the investigators, sponsors, or involved institutions from their legal and professional responsibilities. I know that I may ask now, or in the future, any questions I have about the study. I have been told that records relating to me and my care will be kept confidential and that no information will be disclosed without my permission unless required by law. I have been given sufficient time to read the above information.

I consent to participate. I have been told I will be given a signed copy of this consent form.

Participant's Name	Participant's Signature	Date

I agree to the one-on-one interview being audio recorded.

Participant's Name	Participant's Signature	Date

I, the undersigned, have fully explained the study to the above participant.