**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

**for**

**Healthcare professionals who have experience of providing care for Australian people with pressure injury from Chinese backgrounds**

**Project ID: 37961**

**Project title:** Pressure Injury and Health-related Quality of life: Perceptions of Australian People from Chinese Backgrounds, their Carers and Healthcare Professionals.

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You are invited to take part in this study. Please read this Explanatory Statement in full before deciding whether or not to participate in this research. If you would like further information regarding any aspect of this project, you are encouraged to contact the researchers via the phone numbers or email addresses listed above.

Student projects: This is a PhD student research project.

**What does the research involve?**

The aim of this study is to explore the perceptions of health-related quality of life by Australian adults with pressure injury from Chinese backgrounds and their carers, and healthcare professionals.

We will arrange a time and place for your interview or online interview via videotelephony interviewing platforms, such as Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Facetime or WeChat, or phone interview. We will include questions related to the health-related quality of life of Australian people with pressure injury from Chinese backgrounds. The interview will take about 1 hour. There will be no follow up interviews or surveys. The content of interviews will be either audio or Zoom video recorded.

**Why were you invited for this research?**

You are invited to participate in this research because you are a healthcare professional who has experience of providing care for Australian adults with pressure injury from Chinese backgrounds. You provided your contact details in your response to our project recruitment flyer.

**Consenting to participate in the project and withdrawing from the research**

If you agree to take part in this study, we will ask you to sign a consent form via face-to-face and email it to us either before or after the interview. Verbal consent will be obtained and recorded before the interview. If you decide not to participate in this study, you are free to withdraw from this research at any time. A research team member will guide you through the withdrawal process upon your request. A written request and a completion of the withdrawal form will be required upon withdrawal. Please notify the research team member if you do not want specific information provided by you to be included in the results.

**Possible benefits and risks to participants**

While there is no direct benefit to healthcare professionals participating in this research, participants may find it a positive experience of contributing to a research that aims to improve the health-related quality of life of Australian people with pressure injury from Chinese backgrounds. The findings will help the group of healthcare professionals gain a deeper understanding of the HRQoL of people pressure injury from Chinese backgrounds. The findings will subsequently enhance their cultural competence in dealing with people from Chinese backgrounds. There are no risks anticipated from taking part in this research. If you are feeling unwell during the interview, you may stop the interview at any time; and we can arrange an additional time. If you suffer any emotional distress after the interview, which is unlikely, you may contact the following mental health services for free consultation and support:

Sane Australia -1800 187 263 (<https://www.sane.org/>)

Lifeline Australia - 13 11 14 (<https://www.lifeline.org.au/>)

Beyond Blue - 1300 22 4636 (https://www.beyondblue.org.au/)

Mental Health Online – (<https://www.mentalhealthonline.org.au/>)

**Confidentiality**

We respect your privacy. All information collected in the interview that may identify you will remain confidential. We will de-identify all information prior to data analysis and each file will be given a non-identifying number. Pseudonyms or codes will be used in all publications and conference presentations. Only the team members involved with this project and the Monash University Ethics Committee can have access to this information. The information can be disclosed only with your permission, except as required by law.

**Storage of data**

All audio recordings and transcripts will be stored on password secured Monash Drives and will be safely destroyed in five years after completion of the project. Only the team members involved with this project will have access to the data.

**Results**

Results from this research will be published in academic journal articles, presented at conferences and comprise a PhD thesis for Shiwen Liu.

**Complaints**

Should you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of the project, you are welcome to contact the Executive Officer, Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (MUHREC):

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| Executive OfficerMonash University Human Research Ethics Committee (MUHREC) Room 111, Chancellery Building D,26 Sports Walk, Clayton CampusResearch OfficeMonash University VIC 3800Tel: +61 3 9905 2052 Email: muhrec@monash.edu Fax: +61 3 9905 3831  |  |

Thank you,

**Chief Investigator’s signature:** 

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