



## Privacy Policy – Research and quality improvement Participation

Research is an important part of improving healthcare services and patient outcomes at our practice. From time to time, we may participate in or collaborate with approved research projects in partnership with universities or other recognised research organisations or we may participate at quality improvement activity to improve the quality of health services and achieve a better lifestyle for patients.

All research and quality improvement activities associated with our practice are conducted in accordance with relevant privacy legislation, ethical guidelines, and Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) approvals, where required.

We may invite patients to participate in a research study or with your consent, provide your name and contact details (such as telephone number, postal address or email address) to an approved research partner so they may contact you directly about potential participation. **Your personal information will not be shared without your explicit consent.**

Participation in research or quality improvement are entirely voluntary. Choosing not to participate, or withdrawing at any time, will not affect the care or treatment you receive at this practice. Your decision regarding your participation will be documented in your medical record.

If you do not wish to be contacted about research studies or surveys, please inform your doctor or a member of our practice team.