

# Plain Language Statement



## Melbourne Dental School

### *Project: Use of Silver Diamine Fluoride by Australian Dental Professionals*

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## Introduction

Thank you for your interest in participating in this research project. The following few pages will provide you with further information about the project, so that you can decide if you would like to take part in this research.

Please take the time to read this information carefully. You may ask questions about anything you don't understand or want to know more about.

Your participation is voluntary. If you don't wish to take part, you don't have to. If you begin participating, you can also stop at any time.

If you choose not to participate or if you withdraw before data submission, your association with the University of Melbourne, your employer and/or professional organisations etc will not be affected in any way.

### **What is this research about?**

The aim of this research is to examine the perspectives, knowledge and usage of Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) in clinical dental practice. The study is being distributed to a range of dental health professionals throughout Australia.

### **What will I be asked to do?**

Should you agree to participate, you will be asked to complete an online survey of multiple-choice questions. These questions relate to your perspectives, acceptability and use of SDF. The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes. Participation is anonymous, and no personal information is collected.

### **What are the possible risks?**

There are no risks in completing this survey.

### **Do I have to take part?**

No. Participation is completely voluntary. Consent will be implied with completion and submission of the survey, and you are able to withdraw at any time before submission of the survey by opting not to complete or submit it. After submission, data cannot be recalled as it will be de-identified and unable to be linked back to you.

### **Will I hear about the results of this project?**

A summary of the study outcomes will be disseminated via newsletters and social media. It is expected that the study will also be published in a peer-reviewed journal and/or presented at a research conference.

### **What will happen to information about me?**

Participant answers are anonymous with no personal or private information collected by any of the questions. The researchers will have no means of identifying the responses. The retention and destruction of the records will be in line with the University of Melbourne Records and Disposal Authority Requirements. Electronic data will be held under password protection for a period of five years after the last publication, after which it will be deleted. Your data will be only used for this research project. All published data and results will maintain your anonymity.

### **Is there any potential conflict of interest?**

There are no potential conflicts of interest.

### **Who is funding this project?**

This research is funded by the Melbourne Dental School at the University of Melbourne.

**Where can I get further information?**

If you would like more information about the project, please contact the researcher, Dr Mihiri Silva (Mihiri.silva@unimelb.edu.au, 9341 1500).

**Who can I contact if I have any concerns about the project?**

This project has human research ethics approval from The University of Melbourne (Project ID 2022-23081-26855-2). If you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of this research project, which you do not wish to discuss with the research team, you should contact the Research Integrity Administrator, Office of Research Ethics and Integrity, University of Melbourne, VIC 3010. Tel: +61 8344 1814 or Email: [research-integrity@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:research-integrity@unimelb.edu.au). All complaints will be treated confidentially. In any correspondence please provide the name