**INFORMATION FOR MYCAREMAPP**™ **TRIAL PARTICIPANTS**

**A. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY?**

As a part of a larger project supporting primary care for older adults, the Geriatric Health Systems (GHS) Research Group from the University of Waterloo has co-designed an application (app) called MyCareMapp™ - a mobile tool designed to assist older adults in coordinating their care with healthcare providers and caregivers. Our research group is looking to engage older adults to use MyCareMapp™ and provide feedback on their experiences. We will not be collecting any personal health information, rather, we are interested in how the tool is being used and if this is something older adults would use in the future.

**B. WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?**

We are looking for adults, aged 70 years or older or their caregivers, who are current patients of the primary care settings in our study and are interested in borrowing a tablet for this trial.

**C. WHAT WILL I BE ASKED TO DO?**

We will be providing tablets (iPad or Samsung) with the app pre-downloaded onto the device. Upon receiving your tablet, a researcher will assist you with accessing the app on the tablet and guide you through the app tutorial. You will have an opportunity to ask questions. We ask that you trial this app for 6 months.

Upon returning the tablet, you will be asked to participate in an interview, to provide us with feedback on your experience using the app. The interview will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Before beginning the interview, you will be asked to confirm that you agree to participate. You can skip questions at any time during the interview.

**D. WHERE WILL THE STUDY TAKE PLACE AND WHEN?**

The study will run for approximately 6 months. Your participation will require you to trial MyCareMapp™ on a tablet and a follow-up interview held at your primary care clinic or at a location that is convenient for you.

**E. CAN I CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDY?**

You may withdraw from the study at any time. If you wish to withdraw, you can let the researcher know any time during the trial period or the interview. Please contact Jacobi Elliott at jacobi.elliott@uwaterloo.ca or 519-888-4567 ext.38982. If you decide to withdraw from this study, you will be asked to return your tablet to the research group.

**G. RISKS AND BENEFITS**

We do not know if being in the study will help you, but we hope to understand how this application may function to support older adults and their caregivers in their care journeys, particularly in the organization and coordination of their care.

You will not receive remuneration for participation in the study. During the 6 month study period, you are responsible for the information you enter into the tablet. When the tablet is returned to the research team, your information will be erased.

**H. CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA SECURITY**

Each tablet will be assigned a patient identification code. Although you are entering information into the application, we are only collecting frequency data (e.g. which features are most commonly being used). These data will be stored on a protected server at the University of Waterloo.

To ensure confidentiality, no identifying information will be attached to your responses. Your name will not be included in published materials, instead a participant research code or pseudonym will be used.

You have the right to ask the researchers about the data that will be collected about you for the study and about the purpose of these data. Once you return the tablet, the researchers will ensure that all the information that has been entered into the device is deleted.

Written feedback data will be kept securely stored in a locked office and locked filing cabinet at the University of Waterloo for a period of at least 7 years, and then confidentially destroyed. Any electronic usage data collected from the app will be stored on a protected server at the University of Waterloo. After at least 7 years, any written notes from the interview will be shredded and electronic files will be permanently erased after 7 years. Only members of the GHS research team who have signed a confidentiality agreement regarding information collected during the study will have access to the study data. Please note that we are only interested in your app usage data (e.g. which features are most commonly being used).

**I. QUESTIONS**

This study has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through a University of Waterloo Research Ethics Committee (ORE# 22446). If you have questions for the Committee contact Chief Ethics Officer, Office of Research Ethics, at 1-519-888-4567 ext. 36005 or ore-ceo@uwaterloo.ca

**If at any time you have questions about the proposed research, please contact:**

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