

# Patient or carer acceptance of medicine use recommendations by a pharmacist after being discharged from hospital

**Submission date**  
10/07/2022

**Recruitment status**  
No longer recruiting

Prospectively registered

Protocol

**Registration date**  
12/07/2022

**Overall study status**  
Completed

Statistical analysis plan

Results

**Last Edited**  
30/03/2023

**Condition category**  
Injury, Occupational Diseases, Poisoning

Individual participant data

## Plain English summary of protocol

### Background and study aims

Inappropriate use of medicines is common, and patients benefit from having their medicines reviewed by an independent third party who is skilled at reviewing medicines. This study aims to explain to patients leaving the hospital, both verbally and in writing, about any issues that an independent third party have with their medicines. Patients will then be encouraged to discuss these issues with their primary physician.

### Who can participate?

Patients in hospital aged 65 years or older

### What does the study involve?

The study involves interviewing participants just before they leave the hospital, preferably in the company of a caregiver, to discuss any issues with their medicines. These discussions will be in plain English, and any recommendations will be made both verbally and in writing. The study team asks that participants make an appointment with their doctor within 2 weeks of leaving the hospital to discuss those issues that concern them. The study team will then contact participants by telephone or visit them to find out the results of the recommendations.

### What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

Possible benefits are a correction to the use of inappropriate medicines and a reduction in the number of medicines participants take. The study team is unaware of any risks.

### Where is the study run from?

The University of Sydney (Australia)

### When is the study starting and how long will it run for?

From July 2019 until March 2020

### Who is funding the study?

Wolper Jewish Hospital (Australia)

Who is the main contact?

The hospital's clinical pharmacist, who will attach a professional card to the participant's medication list detailing their name and phone number.

## Contact information

### Type(s)

Principal investigator

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## Additional identifiers

### Clinical Trials Information System (CTIS)

Nil known

### ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT)

Nil Known

### Protocol serial number

Nil known

## Study information

### Scientific Title

Uptake of pharmacist recommendations by patients after discharge: Implementation study of a patient-centred medicines review service

### Study objectives

If patients and/or their carers receive medicine management recommendations in ways that are meaningful to them, they are capable of making an informed decision about the recommendation and actioning it.

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Approved 17/05/2019, The University of Sydney Human Research Ethics Committee (The University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW, Australia 2005; +61 2 9036 9161; human.ethics@sydney.edu.au), ref: 2019/209

**Study design**

Single centre observational longitudinal cohort study

**Primary study design**

Observational

**Study type(s)**

Quality of life

**Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Identification, resolution, and prevention of medicine-related problems in older people

**Interventions**

Inpatients, and their carers where there was cognitive impairment, were recruited to receive a medicines review upon discharge from the hospital. Medicine management recommendations were delivered verbally and in writing in ways that were meaningful to them. Two to four weeks after discharge, they were followed up to record the implementation rate of the recommendations, accomplished through contact with their primary physician for prescription medicines, or by themselves for non-prescription medicines

**Intervention Type**

Behavioural

**Primary outcome(s)**

Implementation rate of medicine management recommendations measured using interviews with participants at 2-4 weeks

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

The number of medicines deprescribed (either reduced in dose or ceased) measured using interviews with participants at 2-4 weeks

**Completion date**

01/07/2020

**Eligibility****Key inclusion criteria**

1. Inpatients, and a carer for individuals where there is cognitive impairment
2. Aged  $\geq 65$  years

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Senior

**Sex**

All

**Total final enrolment**

100

**Key exclusion criteria**

Does not meet inclusion criteria.

**Date of first enrolment**

01/07/2019

**Date of final enrolment**

01/04/2020

**Locations****Countries of recruitment**

Australia

**Study participating centre****Wolper Jewish Hospital**

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Woollahra

Sydney

Australia

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**Sponsor information****Organisation**

University of Sydney

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/0384j8v12>

**Funder(s)****Funder type**

Hospital/treatment centre

## Funder Name

Wolper Jewish Hospital

# Results and Publications

## Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

Current participant level data sharing statement as of 24/01/2023:

Raw data is available upon request from Dr Ben Basger at [ben.basger@sydney.edu.au](mailto:ben.basger@sydney.edu.au). Raw data consists of an Excel spreadsheet containing deidentified patient gender, age, number of medicines taken, and category of Drug Related Problem identified. Data collection forms and patient consent forms are being held securely in the medical records department of the hospital.

Previous participant level data sharing statement:

Raw data is available upon request from [ben.basger@sydney.edu.au](mailto:ben.basger@sydney.edu.au). Data collection forms and patient consent forms are being held securely in the medical records department of the hospital.

## IPD sharing plan summary

Stored in non-publicly available repository, Available on request

## Study outputs

| Output type                                   | Details                                   | Date created | Date added | Peer reviewed? | Patient-facing? |
|---|---|--------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <a href="#">Results article</a>               |   | 29/03/2023   | 30/03/2023 | Yes            | No              |
| <a href="#">Participant information sheet</a> | information for carers<br>version 1       | 01/02/2019   | 12/07/2022 | No             | Yes             |
| <a href="#">Participant information sheet</a> | information for participants<br>version 1 | 10/01/2019   | 12/07/2022 | No             | Yes             |