



Expression of Interest (EOI) Community and Consumer Advisory Panel Cervical Screening Research

Would you like to help guide research to increase cervical screening, and prevent cervical cancer in Australia? We are looking for people to join our research advisory panel!

Screening is one of the best ways to prevent cervical cancer. It finds cancers early so they can be treated. Some people are less likely to have a cervical screening test because they face challenges. This puts them at greater risk of getting cervical cancer (the cervix is the opening to the uterus or womb).

From 1 July 2022, people who can have cervical screening can choose to collect their own sample if they prefer (this is called 'self-collection'). This change aims to give better access to cervical screening - including for people who are past due, or who have never had a test before.

Our team at The University of Melbourne are working with our research partners to make sure that everyone can take part in self-collection if they choose to.

We are setting up a Community and Consumer Advisory Panel, so that people who could benefit from the changed cervical screening program can help guide our research, by sharing their knowledge and experience.

We are looking for people who are eligible for cervical screening aged 25-75, regardless of whether they have had cervical screening in the past

Being part of the panel might be a good fit if you identify as any one or more of the following:

- are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- were born overseas or have parents who were born overseas
- speak a language other than English at home
- are living with a physical disability
- live in a rural or remote area
- are part of the LGBTIQ+ community
- identify from a different cultural background

Panel members will help guide our research by sharing their experiences and their views on

How we do the research, how to include and support people who are part of the research, what the findings from the research mean, and how to share what we learn from the research so that it can improve the way services and programs are delivered.

People can choose to be involved in the panel in different ways

- joining Advisory Group meetings (online)
- being part of small group, or talking with researchers
- giving feedback in writing and through email
- helping to share what is learnt from the research

We know that your time, and your knowledge is valuable, and payment is available to recognise this.

If you would like to know more or are interested in expressing your interest, contact Tessa Saunders via email on Tessa.Saunders@unimelb.edu.au

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Our research partners include:

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