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Client Information Statement

IMPlications for early intervention: The e-IMP Online

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Your early intervention/medical professional is participating in research use of the e-IMP Online as part of an international project which is being conducted by Dr Robyn Cattle Moore, Lecturer and Researcher, NextSense Institute, Macquarie University, Australia.

Why is the research being done?

The Infant Monitor of vocal Production (IMP) has been designed to help parents and professionals assess a baby's vocal progress toward speech following the early diagnosis of a hearing impairment and/or risk for speech delay. The aim of the international project is to gather culturally diverse IMP results for use in expanding the role IMP assessment might play in early intervention and monitoring of development.

Who can participate in this research?

Any baby whose vocal progress toward speech is being monitored by parent-professional use of the e-IMP Online.

What will you, the parent be asked to do?

Your early intervention/medical professional will ask for your consent to use the e-IMP Online. Use of this interactive online assessment instrument will:

1. Automatically de-identify (make anonymous) your baby's IMP assessment results, and
2. Automatically enter that anonymous data into a secure IMP research database authorised by NextSense Institute, Macquarie University.

What choices do you have?

You can give consent to share your baby's data or decline to give your consent - the choice is entirely up to you. Your early intervention professional will not use the e-IMP Online without your consent. A decision not to share your baby's e-IMP Online results will not disadvantage your relationship with your early intervention professional nor your relationship with any services supporting your baby and family.

How much time will it take?

Your baby's e-IMP Online assessment results will be collected as part of his/her existing program of early intervention. No additional time is required of you or your baby.

What are the risks and benefits of participating?

There are no risks or additional benefits associated with this research. Your present interaction and partnership with your early intervention/medical professional will remain unchanged.

How will your family's privacy be protected?

The link between your baby's identity and his/her e-IMP Online assessment will be known only to your early intervention/medical professional who will enter results directly into the research database through their unique e-IMP Online username and login key. It will not be possible for anyone to identify an infant or family from the anonymous results secured in the database.

How will the information collected be used?

The findings of this research will help improve the IMP as an assessment instrument monitoring infant vocal progress from birth to 12 months of hearing age. A summary of research findings will be made public through updates on the NextSense Institute website: www.nextsense.org.au/professional-development/research/infant-monitor-of-vocal-production-imp In addition, individual participants are free to send an email request for information about the study to the Chief Investigator, Dr Robyn Cattle Moore (robyn.moore@nextsense.org.au) at any time.

Further information

Your early intervention professional will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this research. He/she will also explain how you may give your consent to participate in this research in keeping with the policies of your intervention service/agency.

Thank you for considering this invitation to participate in IMPlications for early intervention: The e-IMP Online.

Kind regards,



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Complaints about this research

This project has been approved by the University's Human Research Ethics Committee, Approval No. *****. Should you have concerns about your rights as a participant in this research, or you have a complaint about the manner in which the research is being conducted, it may be forwarded to the researcher, or if an independent person is preferred, to the Human Ethics Officer, Research Office: ethics.secretariat@mq.edu.au