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Focus Group on Medication Management and Personal Health Records

We invite you to participate in a research study being conducted by investigators from The University of Iowa. The purpose of the study is to explore physician and staff perspectives on patient medication management and personal health records.

If you agree to participate, we would like you to attend a group meeting (called a “focus group”) at your place of employment, for about an hour. Other physicians and staff from the practice where you work will also attend the session. A researcher and their assistant from the University of Iowa will ask you questions about your views and experiences with patient medication management therapy and personal health records. You will have the opportunity to respond to questions and participate in a discussion on these topics. The assistant may take notes on what participants are saying but would not record any personal information about you, like your name. You are free to skip any questions that you prefer not to answer. The focus group will take approximately one hour.

You will be paid \$50 for participating in this research study. You will need to provide your social security number (SSN) in order for us to pay you. You may also need to provide your address if a check will be mailed to you.

To help protect your confidentiality, we will not write any personal identifying information (like your name) on any notes we take during the focus group. We will store copies of these notes in a locked file cabinet in a locked office at the University of Iowa. Audio recordings that we make will be in the possession of research team members during the course of the focus group, and the device containing the recordings will be stored in a locked file cabinet in a locked office. Any electronic data we create will be stored on a password-protected computer. If we write a report or article about this study or share the study data set with others, we will do so in such a way that you cannot be directly identified.

Taking part in this research study is completely voluntary. If you do not wish to participate in this study, you should not attend the scheduled focus group session.

If you have questions about the rights of research subjects, please contact the Human Subjects Office, 300 College of Medicine Administration Building, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242, (319) 335-6564, or e-mail irb@uiowa.edu.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this research study.