



**RESEARCH TEAM**

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Dear Participant,

We would like to invite you to participate in the 'medication wastage minimisation strategy' (MWMS) survey which aims to identify wastage minimisation laws and policies, as well as current action plans in place targeting wastage minimisation. This is the link to the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FS9QVGV>

*What is the purpose of the study?*

The purpose is to identify wastage minimisation laws and policies, as well as current action plans in place targeting medication wastage minimisation, medication storage and disposal amongst European region countries.

*Why have I been chosen?*

We are recruiting healthcare professionals with a background in hospital, community practice, academia or any other and policy makers (professional association or authority). You are the first person that we have contacted from your country through EAHP network. **If you are unable to complete the questionnaire can you kindly recommend someone with your same background and send me an email on [lorna.west@um.edu.mt](mailto:lorna.west@um.edu.mt)** **We would also like you to recommend and provide us by email contact details of TWO further representatives with different backgrounds (one of them in POLICY in relation to medications if your background is not policy). Kindly send the following details at [lorna.west@um.edu.mt](mailto:lorna.west@um.edu.mt) a) NAME OF NOMINEE b) POSITION c) EMAIL ADDRESS. Kindly forward the two additional representatives from your country by 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018. THREE perspectives from each country are required in total.**

*Do I have to take part?*

This letter carries no obligation on your part to participate and participation in the study is voluntary.

*What will happen to me if I take part?*

To take part in the study, we ask that you complete a questionnaire which should take about 25 minutes.

*What are the possible benefits of taking part?*

There is no direct benefit to you from taking part. However, medication wastage is known to be a major problem in many countries. Therefore, completion of this questionnaire is a first step towards identifying possible successful strategies that minimise medication wastage.

*Will my contribution to this study be kept confidential?*

Yes. This study is not anonymous but information will be kept completely confidential. Names of participants will not appear in any publication arising from this study. Only names of countries and practices in those countries will appear.

*What will happen to the results of the research study?*

The findings will be presented at international conferences and submitted for publication in a peer reviewed journal.

*Who is organising and funding the research?*

This project is organised by the University of Malta and is partially funded by the REACH HIGH Scholars Programme – Post Doctoral Grants. The grant is part-financed by the European Union, Operational Programme II – Cohesion Policy 2014 – 2020 **"Investing in human capital to create more opportunities and promote the well-being of society" – European Social Fund.**

*Who has reviewed the study?*

The study has been reviewed by academic experts and approved by University of Malta Research Ethics Committee.

*What next?*

If you decide to take part, please complete and submit the questionnaire by not later than 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

For further clarifications, please do not hesitate to send us an email on [lorna.west@um.edu.mt](mailto:lorna.west@um.edu.mt).

Yours sincerely,  
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