



## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO BE INVOLVED IN RESEARCH**

### **What does it mean to be an orthopaedic nurse in 2011?**

My name is Paul McLiesh and I work at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and the University of Adelaide. I have been an orthopaedic nurse for over 19 years and am conducting research as part of a Masters degree.

The days of Thomas splints and having half your patients in traction are things of the past. Orthopaedics and orthopaedic nursing are changing rapidly.

What does this mean for orthopaedic nurses? Are there still unique skills and knowledge that orthopaedic nurses have that effects the level of care your patients receive?

It is important that we, as a group, identify these skills and knowledge so we can demonstrate to others why it is important to have specialised orthopaedic nurses providing care for orthopaedic patients. By identifying and understanding what it is that makes us who we are, we can make sure that orthopaedic nursing remains strong.

I plan to ask:

- Do orthopaedic nurses believe that they are still a specialty?
- What are the skills and knowledge that are considered by orthopaedic nurses to be important to the speciality?
- Are these beliefs shared by the group?

The research project begins in October 2011.

Visit the website below to see if you meet the inclusion criteria, you can then complete the questionnaire or email me for further information

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/orthonurse>**

Your involvement can be as little as a 20 minute on-line questionnaire or a 30 minute interview as well.

The research has ethics approval. (H-256-2011. University of Adelaide, Human Research Ethics Committee)

I will guarantee your privacy and any information you give will be kept strictly confidential.

**Who can be involved**: Any nurse who currently works in either Australia or New Zealand in an area that cares for orthopaedic patients. You must have worked in this, or a similar area, for the past two years. If you are not sure if you match the criteria please contact me, otherwise you can go directly to the website to complete the questionnaire.

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