

INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

THIS GENERAL PRACTICE IS TAKING PART IN THE MoCCA STUDY

What is MoCCA?

MoCCA is a University of Melbourne research study that is investigating how to support general practices to care for people with chlamydia.

MoCCA researchers have gathered the main resources that GPs (doctors) use when caring for people with chlamydia. Having these resources in one place will help GPs find the information they need more easily.

Chlamydia – what is it?

Chlamydia is an infection caused by the bacteria *Chlamydia trachomatis*. It is very common in women and men. It can be passed between people during sexual activity including oral, vaginal and anal sex. Condoms can help protect you from chlamydia.

What is involved for this clinic and for me?

If you have a chlamydia infection your GP will be able to use these materials as part of your care, such as information about why it is important to have another chlamydia test 3 months after you have treatment. Your GP will help you to look after your chlamydia infection and your care will not be different because of the MoCCA study.

Ethics: This study has been approved by the Medicine and Dentistry Human Ethics Sub-Committee of the University of Melbourne. **Ethics ID: 22665**

For further information about MoCCA contact the research team on email or visit our website:

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MoCCA researchers wish to learn about the experience of having a chlamydia infection. If you are diagnosed with chlamydia or pelvic inflammatory disease your GP may provide you with a link to complete an anonymous online survey.

The MoCCA project will also collect retrospective non-identifiable (sometimes called de-identified) information from general practice records for all patients aged 16-44 years attending the clinic. This information will be used to help MoCCA researchers learn about how chlamydia infections are looked after.

Privacy and data security for digital data

No researcher will have access to your name, address, initials or date of birth. All deidentified digital data will be stored within a restricted-access folder on a network drive that is internal to the University and operated by IT Services. Access to this folder will be limited to selected researchers on a needs-only basis.

Must my de-identified records be included?

Individual patients have the right to not take part. If you do not want your de-identified medical records to be used for this research, please let your doctor or practice manager know. Withdrawal of your data from this project will not affect the care that you receive from your doctor.

