



# An exploration of the perioperative care pathway experiences for people with intellectual disability within Australia

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# Overview

This session will provide an overview of a research exploring the perioperative care experiences of people with intellectual disability, with an aim to enhance recruitment.





## Background

- Health inequalities
- Health Service inequalities
- Research gap





Australian Government  
Department of Health

# National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability July 2021



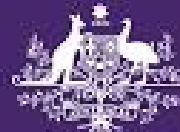
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## Significance of Research

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- Surgery Priority
- Disability Identifiers
- Australian Government Initiatives



**Royal Commission**

into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation  
of People with Disability

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Disability Royal Commission



## Seeking Recruitment Networks

- I am seeking recruitment partners'
- Hand out 'Recruitment flyers'
- Western Sydney University Human Research Ethics have approved the research project. The Approval number is H15430.

# Research Participants

Inclusion Criteria	Exclusion Criteria
 <p><b><u>Mild – Moderate Intellectual Disability:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adult: 18 years and older</li><li>• Able to self consent</li><li>• Planned surgery under general anaesthetic in last 5 years.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Palliative surgery</li><li>• Non-English speaking</li></ul>
 <p><b><u>Family OR Paid carer:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Adults: 18 years and older</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide direct support to a person with intellectual disability</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Planned surgery under general anaesthetic in last 5 years.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Palliative surgery</li><li>• Non-English speaking</li></ul>

# Have you had Hospital surgery within the last 5 years?

Do you identify as a person with an **intellectual disability**?

Do you care for a person with an **intellectual disability**?



Hello, my name is  
**Jennifer Bur**  
I am a researcher.



I would like to ask some questions about your experiences when you went to hospital and had surgery.



I would also like to talk to **family / carers** who supported people with **intellectual disability** when they had surgery.

You are invited to join in a research study being conducted by Jennifer Bur, PhD (Candidate), School of Nursing and Midwifery, Western Sydney University, *under the Supervision of Associate Professor Nathan Wilson, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Western Sydney University.*

The researcher would also like to hear from people who can self-consent to participate in the research, and from family and/or carers who supported people with severe to profound intellectual disability. The researcher would like to understand your experiences, or the person you cared for, from when you met the surgeon, went to hospital and after you came home.

#### What will I be asked to do?

- Talk about the hospital experiences before surgery, during and after surgery.
- Give permission for Jennifer to look at Health passport, communication books, and other general surgical information provided by the surgeon or hospital.

#### How much of my time will I need to give?

The online or face-to-face interview will take about 1 hour. Only one interview will be held at a mutually convenient date, time and/or venue. You can bring a family member or a carer to support you during the interview. The interview will happen during the day. The interview will be audio-recorded.

*This study has been approved by the Western Sydney University Human Research Ethics Committee. The ethics reference number is: H15430*

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Thank you for  
considering to be a  
Recruitment Partner  
in this research  
project.

