

We need your help...

We are conducting a research study to engage patients and family members in the effort to improve care for mechanically ventilated patients

What is the purpose of the study?

1. To partner with patients and families to improve care for mechanically ventilated patients
2. This work will produce educational materials to encourage improved communication between ICU patients and their families and the healthcare professionals who care for them, and engage patients and families in ICU and post-ICU care

Who is eligible?

Any person over 18 years of age who is either:

- a patient who has been in the ICU and on mechanical ventilation
- a family member of a person who has been on mechanical ventilation

What do we want to learn from you?

1. Any communication issues that you feel exist between healthcare workers, patients and their families?
2. Ideas for effective strategies for increasing communication in this arena?

How does it work?

- We will work with you to schedule focus groups based on your availability.
- A group-session will last no more than two hours
- You will be in a group that includes patients and their families and other healthcare providers and this may take place via conference call or in-person
- No personal identifiers will be documented and you may refuse to answer any question(s) that you do not wish to answer

Will I be compensated?

Yes, you will be reimbursed \$50 for parking, travel, etc. for each focus group you attend

Interested in helping us?

Please reach out to Hina Malik via email at hina@jhmi.edu or telephone at 410.637.6292

We sincerely look forward to learning from you!

Warm regards,



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