



Consent To Participate In Research For Assessment Manual Participants-(Phase 2)

Title of Study: Utility and Viability of the MT-VOICE (Valuing Older Individuals through Comprehensive Evaluation) – Phase 2

Researchers:

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Dear music therapist,

You are being invited to participate in a research study about music therapy assessment for older adults.

In Phase #1 of our study we invited participants to provide input on the Music Therapy Assessment for Older Adults (MTAOA-R1). As a result, we revised and renamed this assessment form the MT-VOICE. In addition, an accompanying manual was created to support music therapists who are going to use the MT-VOICE in phase 3 of our study. We would now like to learn what music therapists think about the manual.

Procedures

If you agree to participate, we ask you to review the content and usefulness of MT-VOICE manual and attend a focus group of music therapists to share your feedback and insights and suggest any amendments or additions you think should be made. The focus group will be approximately 90 minutes in length and will be scheduled based on the availability of the participants.

You are eligible to participate in this study if you are a:

- Credentialed music therapist working with older adults in long-term care settings with 3+ year's experience working with older adults
- Able to speak fluent English

Online focus group sessions will be recorded and transcribed via the Zoom platform and the researchers.

Risks & Benefits

There are no known physical or psychological risks associated with or personal benefits to be gained in participating in this study. You may find the assessment tool to be useful in your clinical work, and all participants will add to the music therapy knowledge base on conducting culturally relevant and sensitive music therapy assessments.

Confidentiality

When consent to participate in the study is received for a participant, they will be assigned a study number. All data will be stored on the University of Toronto secure server via the University OneDrive and will only be accessed by the PI, co-investigator, and collaborators via remote VPN access. Data collected in this study will be reported in research publications and/or conference presentations, but no private or identifying information will be published. The research ethics program may have confidential access to data to help ensure participant protection procedures are followed.

Subsequent Use of Data

These data may be used in subsequent studies, in publications, and in presentations.

Participant's Rights:

Participation is voluntary, and you are free to discontinue participation at any time without penalty. All information you share will be treated with confidentiality to the extent possible within the research setting. We will take steps to protect your privacy, such as using pseudonyms in any reports or publications and storing data securely. However, please be aware that by participating in a focus group, we cannot guarantee that other participants will not disclose information shared during the session to others outside the group. We will also remind all participants at the beginning of the session to respect the confidentiality of the discussions. You are free to choose not to answer any questions that you are uncomfortable answering. We will keep your responses confidential and will not disclose your identity or any information that could identify you outside of the research team. Due to the nature of the focus group, you cannot withdraw your data after you have stated it in this focus group.

Compensation:

No compensation will be given for participation in this research.

Feedback of the Results of This Study to the Participants

You will receive a written summary of the results along with a revised assessment form and manual based on focus group feedback and analysis. The information learned in the study will also be shared via conference presentations where appropriate.

Contact information:

If you have any questions, concerns, or complaints about this research study, please contact the researchers listed below at

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If you have any questions regarding your rights as a participant, or wish to obtain information, ask questions, or discuss any concerns about this study with someone other than the researchers, please contact the Research Oversight and Compliance Office – Human Research Ethics Program at ethics.review@utoronto.ca or 416-946-3273.

Signature of Research Participant:

By checking the boxes below, you are providing your electronic signature to participate in this study. Your signature indicates that you have read and understood the information provided above and confirm and acknowledge the following:

☐ I meet all the inclusion criteria. I am therefore eligible to participate in the focus group.

Name of Participant

Signature of Participant

Date
