



Participant Information

What is this research about?

This survey is part of the **International Tobacco and Vaping Policy Survey**. This part is of early adopters of vaporised nicotine products (e-cigarettes) in Australia and in three comparison countries: England, United States and Canada. We are interested in understanding how similar or different are those who have been vaping for quite some time as compared to those who are just starting out or experimenting with this new technology. We also want to understand beliefs, attitudes and behaviours of vapers (ie, users of vaporised nicotine products either exclusively or in combination with smoking), factors that affect the likelihood of transitioning out of smoking completely and what affects their likelihood of success.

Who can participate?

If you are 18 or older and currently vape at least weekly you can participate. It does not matter whether you also smoke tobacco.

Who is conducting this research?

The research team includes:

- Professor Ron Borland, PhD (Principal Investigator), Cancer Council Victoria, Melbourne
- Dr. Coral Gartner, PhD (Co-investigator), University of Queensland, Brisbane
- Dr. Hua Yong, PhD, (Project manager and Co-investigator), Cancer Council Victoria, Melbourne

What are we asking of you?

This research involves completing three online surveys over five years. The survey questions ask about your beliefs, attitudes, and behaviours related to both smoking and use of vaporised nicotine products. One of our key interests is on the effects of the emergence of vaporised nicotine products on smoking, and how their impact compares with the impacts of other strategies for discouraging smoking. You are free to decline answering any questions you don't wish to answer.

The aims of the subsequent surveys are to find out if your behaviour and/or any of your thinking about smoking and vaping has changed.

Involvement in this research is voluntary and you are free to withdraw at any time. We encourage you to remain in the research study and complete all three online surveys. Before the first survey, we will ask you some questions to determine if you are eligible. If you are eligible, you will be asked to complete the first survey which takes about 35-45 minutes. At the end of the first survey, as a token of our appreciation for your assistance with the research, you will be offered the opportunity to enter into a lottery draw for a prize valued at \$1,000 which will be drawn on 28th October, 2016. We are hoping to recruit around 600 people for this study.

Confidentiality and Security of Data

All of the personal information you provide (e.g. name, address) will be kept at the University of Queensland while the survey responses will be kept at the University of Waterloo in Canada, which manages the data storage for all four study countries. The data you provide will remain absolutely confidential as per privacy requirements for survey research. Identifying data will be kept separate from the survey responses and a unique ID number will be used to link your responses for each of the three surveys. The survey data without your name and other identifying information will be held in secure storage at the University of Waterloo, Canada, in password protected data files that can only be accessed by the research team. After two years, the de-identified survey data will be shared with researchers in other countries, as it will be used to make comparisons of vaping and smoking behaviour and attitudes across countries.

Benefits and risks

There are no known risks to completing this survey. The results from our study are likely to lead to improvements in efforts to reduce smoking-related harms both in Australia and throughout the world. Thus, the anticipated benefits to the scientific community and society are very high. There is no real benefit to you, except knowing that you have contributed to increase scientific understanding of this topic.

Ethics Clearance

This study has received ethics clearance from the University of Queensland and Cancer Council Victoria in Australia and also from the University of Waterloo, Canada. If you have any concerns about your participation in this survey that have not been addressed to your satisfaction by the research team, you can contact the Research Ethics Committee listed below.

Results

This is an ongoing study. If at any time you wish to receive information about the study findings, please contact Dr Yong or Dr Gartner (contact details below). Some general findings may also be posted on www.habit.sph.uq.edu.au.

Contact Information:

Please contact the Research team if you have questions about the study:

Hua Yong, PhD (Project manager and Co-investigator): Hua.Yong@cancervic.org.au Ph 03 9514 6283

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Ron Borland, PhD (Principal Investigator): Ron.Borland@cancervic.org.au Ph 03 9514 6291

Please email us at ITCSurvey@cancervic.org.au if you need assistance in completing the online survey.

Please contact the Ethics Committee below if you have any concerns or complaints about the study:

Ms. Cathy Schapper (Research Ethics): Cathy.Schapper@cancervic.org.au;
Cancer Council Victoria, 615 St Kilda Road, Melbourne Vic 3004, Ph 03 9514 6318.
Ethics Coordinator: humanethics@research.uq.edu.au;
University of Queensland, Brisbane, QLD 4072, Ph 07 3365 3924.

Prize Draw Terms and Conditions

Eligibility

1. Participants who submit a completed survey are eligible to enter the draw;
2. Entry into the draw requires a participant to:
 - a. complete and submit the online "Tobacco and Vaping Policy Survey"
 - b. consent to providing his/her personal contact details (title, full name, address, email, phone number)
 - c. provide valid personal contact details (title, full name, address, email, phone number) for the purpose of receiving notification if he/she wins the draw, and
 - d. fulfil participant inclusion criteria as detailed in the study information.

Prize

1. One prize valued at \$1000 in the form of a shopping gift card
2. Only one prize is available to be won.
3. Only one entry per person
4. The draw to select the winning participant will be performed by a computer generated random selection process.
5. *The prize will be drawn on 28th October, 2016, and the winner will be notified within 7 days.*

Note: *If data collection has not been finalised by this date, the date of the prize draw will be extended at the discretion of the research team.*
6. *The winner will be notified by phone and in writing (either by email or letter) using the contact details provided to the research team.*
7. The winner's name will be published on the University of Queensland's, School of Public Health website within 7 days of the draw.
8. *The shopping gift card will be mailed to the draw winner.*

Entrants into the Prize Draw shall be deemed to have accepted these Terms and Conditions.

If a winner cannot be directly reached and does not respond within 14 days of being notified, the prize will be forfeited and the research team is entitled to select another winner.

The prize is non-exchangeable, non-transferable, and is not redeemable for other prizes.