WELCOME TO THE COMPASS-PLUS STUDY

We would like to invite you to take part in a research study conducted within the Compass trial. The study is run by the VCS Foundation and Cancer Council NSW.

Please take time to read the information below before deciding whether you wish to participate. It will provide you with more information about why the study is being conducted and what it will involve. If you decide you want to participate, at the end of this information you will need to show your consent by clicking on the "I agree" button.

Why have I been invited to participate in this study?
You have been invited to take part in this study because you are currently participating in the Compass trial.

Do I have to take part?
Taking part in this study is completely voluntary. It is up to you to decide whether to take part. Your decision does not affect your medical care, legal rights or your participation in the Compass trial.

What is the purpose of this study?
We are evaluating a range of aims related to HPV cervical screening. In particular, we are interested in how women and people with a cervix feel about their screening test results. Some individuals in the study will have had the new HPV test; others will not have; we are interested in the views of both groups. We also want to identify lifestyle and other factors which may be related to attending cervical screening and to receiving the HPV vaccine. We would also like to understand whether screening participation been influenced by the recent COVID-19 outbreak.

How do I take part and what will I have to do?
If you decide to take part, please read the statements at the end of this information and click on the "I AGREE" button to show your consent. We will also ask you to complete an on-line questionnaire which will take approximately 10 minutes to complete (accessed after you have consented). If you don't have the time to complete the whole questionnaire, you have the option of saving the questions you have already completed and continuing with the rest of the questionnaire at a more convenient time. We will then contact you again with a link to complete an additional online questionnaire in 6 months' time. This questionnaire will take approximately 15-25 minutes to complete. The information you provide in your questionnaires will be linked to your cervical screening test results from the main Compass trial which will enable us to compare data between different groups.

If you do not want to participate then please fill in the opt-out form which can be accessed through the link below the "I AGREE" button.

What sort of information do you need from me?
The questions have been developed by health professionals and include general questions about you, your experiences of cervical screening and about your well-being, your health and lifestyle. If you don't want to answer a question for any reason, you don't have to.

What if I don't want to carry on with this study?
You can decide to stop taking part in this study at any time without giving any reasons. You can also ask for your data to be withdrawn in which case it will be deleted. Please note however, that once

the information from your questionnaires has been combined to generate the results it may not be possible to remove your data at that point.
If you change your mind and decide to withdraw from the study just call the Compass helpline free of charge (1800611635). If you experience distress related to your cervical screening after withdrawing from the study you can still call the helpline and staff can refer you to counselling services.

Are there any risks to me in taking part in this study?
You may find some questions in the questionnaire personally sensitive. If you don't want to answer particular questions, you can skip them.

Will I benefit from the study?
The study aims to further medical knowledge related to cervical screening and cervical pre-cancer, and may help improve the quality of screening and vaccination services in the future. Your participation would help contribute to this important research, however it will not directly benefit you.
In addition, upon submission of both questionnaires, you will be entered into a draw to win a free $500 Visa gift voucher. Draws will be conducted in January of each calendar year.

Will taking part in this study cost me anything?
Participation in the survey will not cost you anything.

How do I know my information will be treated confidentially?
All information obtained in connection with this study will be treated in complete confidence and used for health research only. Your questionnaire will be labelled with an ID number, not your name. All information will be stored, analysed and reported on without any of your identifying details to ensure confidentiality and anonymity. The data will be stored on servers located in Melbourne and Sydney, with access only to authorised members of the research team. Overall, we will follow ethical guidelines and policies on data protection and information governance to ensure secure handling of your information.

Who will have access to the research data?
Researchers at the VCS Foundation and Cancer Council NSW will have access to your identifiable data (such as your email address), which will be used for research purposes only. Some data analyses may also occur in collaboration with other research organisations, in this instance only de-identified information would be shared.

What happens to the results?
Findings from this study will be available to participants and the public from the Compass website: www.compasstrial.org.au
Results will also be published in scientific journals and presented at scientific conferences.
Please note that results will in no way identify you.

What should I do if I want to discuss this study further before I decide?
If you have further questions about this study you can ring the Compass trial helpline on 1800 611 635.

Who should I contact if I have concerns about the conduct of this survey?
This research has been approved by Bellberry Human Research Ethics Committee. Any person with concerns or complaints about the conduct of the survey should contact the Ethics Secretariat of

Bellberry Ethics Committee, on 08 8361 3322 or email bellberry@bellberry.com.au and let them know it is regarding the Compass-PLUS study.

CONSENT

Please read through the statements below. To participate in Compass-PLUS and proceed to the questionnaire, please show your consent to these statements by clicking on the 'I AGREE' button following the statements.

1. I have read the study information which explains why I have been invited, the aims of the study and possible risks.
2. In the study information I was provided with contact details for the Compass trial helpline (1800611 635) so that I could ask any questions relating to my participation.
3. I can withdraw from Compass-PLUS at any time without any disadvantage to me by contacting the Compass trial helpline.
4. I agree that research data from the study may be published, provided that I cannot be identified.
5. I may keep a copy of this consent form, the study information and my answers to the questionnaire as a saved pdf copy or as a printout. (Instructions are provided at the end of the questionnaire).

I AGREE TO TAKE PART IN THIS

(please click the button above to proceed to the questionnaire)

*If you want to opt-out of this study, please fill the opt-out form by clicking **here***