



Subject: Call for Research Participants - Chaplaincy Documentation Study

Dear Chaplain,

We invite you to participate in a research study to standardise and improve chaplaincy documentation. The European Research Institute for Chaplaincy in Healthcare (ERICH) aims to develop a comprehensive classification system for chaplaincy interventions and activities. The research will commence upon receiving approval from the ethics committee (which we anticipate will be in the second half of June) and will run till the 30th of September 2024.

If you agree to join, you will receive a list of possible chaplaincy activities via email. For ten working days (chosen at your convenience), you will spend 10 minutes at the end of each day reviewing the list to see if it matches your practice. You will only need to tick off the activities you have carried out and add any unlisted activities or additional comments. At the end of this period, you will return the completed list and your feedback for analysis.

We have noted concerns from participants who feel that the summer months do not accurately represent their typical work and activities. To address this, participants may opt to conduct the research during September. However, if only certain activities are missed during the vacation period, participants are encouraged to complete the research at a convenient time before September. You will have the opportunity to list any additional activities in the research form, helping us understand other recurring tasks that are part of your work throughout the year.

If you are interested or have any questions, please send an email to sylvia.huebel@kuleuven.be, and we will provide you with all the necessary information. Regardless of the period you choose, please inform us of your intention to participate and indicate the likely period during which you will conduct the research.

We hope you will consider joining this study. Your expertise and daily experiences are crucial for its success. We would also greatly appreciate it if you could share this call with your networks and colleagues, as their insights and experiences are equally valuable. Together, we can advance the understanding and recognition of chaplain interventions in healthcare settings.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kind regards,

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