

Researching the role of carers in the management of wounds in Ireland



What is this study about?

A leading medical nutrition company, Nutricia Ireland, would like to carry out research with members of Family Carers Ireland, who support people living with wounds in Ireland today. The purpose of this research is to better understand that role in wound management, uncovering all aspects of that experience, be it positive or challenging.

Who can take part?

We are interested in speaking to people who have managed wounds for others, including General Wound Care, Pressure Ulcers and Leg Ulcers. You may be currently caring for someone with these wounds or have done so in the past, managing wound dressing, bedding and other aspects, including food and nutrition.

What does it involve?

The research study would involve you taking part in a focus group discussion, alongside 6-8 other Family Carers, facilitated by a professional researcher from Ipsos MRBI.

The focus group will be held at the Ashling Hotel, Dublin 8, on Tuesday 25th June 2019 and will run from approximately 10:30am to 12:30pm. The discussion will be relaxed in nature and there are no right or wrong answers, all we would like is your honest opinion. While we would very much like to hear your views, you do not have to take part if you do not want to, it is entirely up to you.

Who conducts the research?

An independent research company called Ipsos MRBI will be conducting the focus group. They conduct research across all aspects of Irish society and have particular experience of conducting similar healthcare studies in the past.

What happens to the information I give?

The focus group will be audio recorded, with your permission. Your identity will remain anonymous during the research. The findings will then be reviewed by Ipsos MRBI and a report will be prepared, based on the findings across all participants.

Why should I take part?

The real-life experiences of carers are very useful as they provide a genuine account of what it is like to care for the wounds of others and how this impacts peoples' lives and the lives of close family or friends. The feedback you provide could help people living with wounds, as well as other carers and families affected by wound management.

What should I do next?

Please think about whether or not you would like to be involved in this study. If you would like to participate, please call Will Nunn on +353 1 4389000 or e-mail will.nunn@ipsos.com for further information.