**What Should I do Now?**

If you are interested in participating in P3, discuss it with your doctor and/or contact the P3 coordinator, Julie Sansom for more information.

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Background
P3 began at the Launceston Clinical School in 2005 and commenced in 2011 in Hobart.

The program aims to engage community patients with undergraduate medical students in learning partnerships. This program works by enhancing existing hospital based learning through engagement with individuals, such as yourself.

We believe that every person living with an illness has valuable experiences and special knowledge of their condition to share. Combined, this knowledge and experience provides significant learning benefits for the young doctors in training.

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Common Questions about P3

How much time is required?
Each visit consists of a 2 hour session which includes a discussion over afternoon tea at the end of the session.

How are the sessions run?
Each teaching session is run as a small group class with 4 students who are supervised by a GP tutor. During the session each of the medical students will take either a medical history, conduct an examination or discuss the management of your condition.

Do I have to stand up and talk to all the students?
No, the session is run in a consultation style, similar to a visit to your GP.

How often would I be required?
We generally call patients in once or twice a year. You are always free to decline if the date we have doesn’t suit you.

Is there anything I need to do before being involved?
We value your partnership and so each person who chooses to be part of P3 is required to sign a consent stating that they are aware of how the program is run and that they are willing to be involved.

We may request medical information from your GP and access to hospital records, this is part of the consent process too. This information is treated with confidentiality and will be used only for the purpose of the teaching session.

What if I chose not to be involved anymore?
You may choose to withdraw from the program at any time. It is a voluntary program and we greatly appreciate any time you can offer us.

What do the Hobart Patient Partners say about P3
“IT made me feel more confident in talking about my condition.”
“I probably got as much out of it as the students did.”
“It’s definitely a mutual exchange of thoughts.”
“…..students gave me insight into my medical situation and have made me more aware of things I need to follow up on.”
“I hope that my talking about my condition (multiple sclerosis) and telling my story will stay with the students and benefit their understanding of what it is like.."