

PARTICIPANT ADVERTISEMENT

A Study of women (18+) who have experienced a Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) during pregnancy and have been, are now, or planning to become pregnant.

As part of ongoing research at Swansea University, we are currently looking to recruit up to 12 people to take part in a psychological study. This study aims to better understand the psychological impact of venous thromboembolism (VTE) on women during pregnancy and women who have had VTE and are now, or planning to become pregnant.

As this is a fairly new area of research, information gained from the personal experiences of participants will hopefully provide more insight into VTE. This can then be used to inform future research and will also help to develop interventions to support women who have experienced VTE during pregnancy, or who want to start a family.

The current study is a follow up to former research conducted by Professor Paul Bennett and Dr. Rachael Hunter (Hunter, Noble, Lewis, Rance, and Bennett, 2015). The initial study demonstrated that experiencing VTE can be a particularly frightening experience which can have far reaching implications. Further research needs to be conducted in order to fully understand how this affects different groups of people and how professionals can support people who have experienced VTE. This study aims to look specifically at the effects of this experience during pregnancy.

The study will form the final projects of two Master's students, with the aim of publication. In accordance with ethical guidelines all participant data will be kept confidential. All data collected will be anonymised and will not be attributable to any one person. Participant names will be changed to ensure that any information provided cannot be traced back to them. Similarly, any other identifiable features (e.g. doctor's names, place names, etc) will be changed. Any data collected will be used for the purpose of the research study only.

Inclusion Criteria

- Participants must be female
- Participants must be aged between 18+
- Participants must have first-hand experience of venous thromboembolism – direct experience of either deep vein thrombosis (DVT) or a pulmonary embolism (PE)
- Participants must either be pregnant, have already been pregnant, or planning to become pregnant.
- Participants must be willing to participate in a one-on-one Skype interview with the researcher (lasting approximately 1 hour)

Exclusion Criteria

- Diagnosis of a terminal illness

If you meet all of the necessary criteria and would like to be involved in the study or would like any further details, please email 654006@swansea.ac.uk or 801256@swansea.ac.uk and you will be provided with further information.

As we are only looking to recruit a small number of participants for this study, participants will be selected on a first come first served basis. If you are unsuccessful in being selected for this study but wish to be considered for future research, please get in touch and we will be able to store your details and inform you of any future studies.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information and we hope to hear from you soon.