Research Ethics Application

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**Date of Submission:**21-1-2020

**Project Title:** Exploring the attitude towards health, healthcare and eHealth of people living in disadvantaged neighborhoods.

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Summary

**Please provide a brief summary of the research.**

This application concerns the third part of our research concerning the attitude of people with a low socio-economic status (SES) towards health, healthcare and eHealth. As part of our Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) approach, we are working together with DOCK (institution that manages community centers throughout the Netherlands). We conducted the first parts of our research in one of their community centers: Carnisse, situated in a disadvantaged neighborhood in Rotterdam (Charlois). The first two phases have already been submitted to and accepted by HREC (see: <https://labservant.tudelft.nl/index.php/ethics/applicant_edit/953>).

For this third part of our research we aim to conduct an online questionnaire. This questionnaire will be distributed amongst the members of our CBPR partnership. Our aim is to include at least the participants of the first two stages. We will also ask the members to distribute the questionnaire amongst other community members, to increase transferability of our findings. Within the questionnaire, we will present the preliminary results from the first two research phases in the form of fictional storyboards. The participants will be asked to select the storyboards that they recognize and to complement them with additional input.

Research

**R.1. What is the research question? Please indicate what scientific contributions you expect from the research.**

What is the attitude towards health, healthcare and eHealth by people with a low socio-economic status?

**R.2. What will the research conducted be a part of?**

Bachelor’s thesis

Master’s thesis

PhD thesis

Research shills training

Other, namely: Enter what the research is part of here.

**R.3. What type of research is involved?**

Questionnaire

Observation

Experiment

Other, namely Focus Groups

**R.4. Where will the research be conducted?**

Online

At the university

Off-campus / non-university setting: Enter which setting here.

Other, namely: Enter where the research will be conducted here.

**R.5. On what type of variable is the research based?**

*Give a general indication, such a questionnaire scores, performance on tasks, etc.*

Questionnaire scores and qualitative input

**R.6. If the research is experimental, what is the nature of the experimental manipulation?**

N/A

**R.7. Why is the research socially important? What benefits may result from the study?**

The insights that will emerge through this research will help us understand the attitude of people with a low SES towards health. These insights will help us in the subsequent stages of the research to develop design principles that improve the uptake of eHealth interventions. Improving the uptake of such interventions will contribute to reducing the health disparities between socioeconomic groups.

**R.8. Are any external partners involved in the experiment? If so, please name them and describe the way they are involved in the experiment.**

Erasmus MC is part of the research group. Rita van den Berg – Emons will have access to the data that is saved on the TU Delft project drive. See the DMP for further details.

Participants

**Pa.1. What is the number of participants needed? Please specify a minimum and maximum.**

Minimum: 10

Maximum: 50

**Pa.2.a. Does the study involve participants who are particularly vulnerable or unable to give informed consent?** *(e.g., children, people with learning difficulties, patients, people receiving counselling, people living in care or nursing homes, people recruited through self-help groups)*

No

**Pa.2.b. If yes and unable to give informed consent, has permission been received from caretakers/parents?**

N/A

**Pa.3. Will the participants (or legal guardian) give written permission for the research with an ‘Informed Consent’ form that states the nature of the research, its duration, the risk, and any difficulties involved? If no, please explain.**

Yes

**Pa.4. Are the participants, outside the context of the research, in a dependent or subordinate position to the investigator (such as own children or students)? If yes, please explain.**

No

**Pa.5. How much time in total (maximum) will a participant have to spend on the activities of the study?**

Approximately 15 minutes

**Pa.6. Will the participants have to take part in multiple sessions? Please specify how many and how long each session will take.**

N/A

**Pa.7. What will the participants be asked to do?**

They will be asked to fill in the questionnaire, indicate which stories they recognize and complement them with additional input.

**Pa.8. Will participants be instructed to act differently than normal or be subject to certain actions which are not normal?** *(e.g. subject to stress inducing methods)*

No

**Pa.9. What are the possible (reasonably foreseeable) risks for the participants? Please list the possible harms if any.**

N/A

**Pa.10. Will extra precautions be taken to protect the participants? If yes, please explain.**

N/A

**Pa.11. Are there any positive consequences for a participant by taking part in the research? If yes, please explain.**

N/A

**Pa.12. Will the participants (or their parents/primary caretakers) be fully informed about the nature of the study? If no, please explain why and state if they will receive all information after participating.**

The participants at Carnisse are already involved in and informed about the first two phases of the research. We will include an information sheet in the questionnaire that fully explains the nature of the research to new respondents.

**Pa.13. Will it be made clear to the participants that they can withdraw their cooperation at any time?**

Yes

**Pa.14. Where can participants go with their questions about the research and how are they notified of this?**

Contact details of the researcher will be included in the questionnaire.

**Pa.15. Will the participants receive a reward?**

Travel expenses

Compensation per hour

Nothing

Other, namely:

**Pa.16. How will participants be recruited?**

A link to the questionnaire will be sent in the community whatsapp group. The community members will be encouraged to distribute the questionnaire amongst other community members.

Privacy

**Pr.1. Are the research data made anonymous? If no, please explain.**

Yes.

**Pr.2. Will directly identifiable data (such as name, address, telephone number, and so on) be kept longer than 6 months? If yes, will the participants give written permission to store their information for longer than 6 months?**

No

**Pr.3. Who will have access to the data which will be collected?**

The research team (Jasper Faber, Valentijn Visch, Jos Kraal and Rita van den Berg – Emons)

**Pr.4. Will the participants have access to their own data? If no, please explain.**

The participants can ask and retrieve their own data at any time during the research.

**Pr.5. Will covert methods be used?** *(e.g. participants are filmed without them knowing)*

No

**Pr.6. Will any human tissue and/or biological samples be collected?** *(e.g. urine)*

No

Documents

Please attach the following documents to the application:

* Text used for ads (to find participants);
* Text used for debriefings;
* Form of informed consent for participants;
* Form of consent for other agencies when the research is conducted at a location (such as a hospital or school).