

**PEGASUS FEASIBILITY STUDY  
ADULT PATIENT DISCUSSION GUIDE  
INTERVIEWS**

**A feasibility study and open pilot two-arm randomised controlled trial  
comparing Pressure Garment Therapy with no Pressure Garment Therapy for the  
prevention of abnormal scarring after burn injury (PEGASUS)**

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**A Guide for Interviewers**

**INTRODUCTION**

Thank the participant for agreeing to take part

Ensure that the consent form has been signed. Keep a copy for the site file and give a copy back to the participant

Ask participant to complete brief background questionnaire

Statement on confidentiality, right to withdraw consent, recording of the interview

Review the purpose of the study in general

Emphasize the value of their views and opinions – there are no right or wrong answers

Ask if the participant have any questions before starting the interview

**BACKGROUND/ICE BREAKER**

Background, interviewee details and ice breaker e.g. explore interviewee background, whether they are local, have family, and why they were interested in taking part in this particular interview/research etc.

**BURNS INJURY AND TREATMENT**

Carefully explore their burn injury (cause, severity, when)

Explore treatment (what, where, when) including their own and experience of PGT and other burns scar management therapies e.g. cream and massage

Explore impact of burns injury and treatment (e.g. ability to comply) on them, other household members (if any) and wider networks (if any)

Understand priorities for treatment

**PERSPECTIVES ON OUTCOMES**

Explore perspectives on key outcomes from burn injury and treatment (in relation to accounts given already within the interview) both generally, and specifically in relation to scarring, appearance and long term outcomes

## **PERSPECTIVES ON A CLINICAL TRIAL OF PGT**

Explain and explore understandings of clinical trials as part of decision-making re treatments

Explore understanding and attitudes towards random allocation to treatment arms

Explore attitudes towards conducting a trial of PGT for scar management, including likelihood of patients participating and barriers / facilitators to participation from their viewpoint

## **CLOSING**

Tell the participants that they have reached the end of the interview

Check understanding of any outstanding points and give the participant the opportunity to answer ask any further questions.

Check to see if the participant would like to receive a summary of the findings.

Explore if they would potentially be willing to participate in a follow up exercise to evaluate potential clinical and health economic measures for use in a trial.

Remind them about confidentiality and thank them for their time.