MEMO Research (Medicines Monitoring Unit) is a clinical research group within the School of Medicine at the University of Dundee.

We are working with other researchers around the world on a project called “RealHOPE” which stands for “Real Handling of Protein Drugs” looking at the stability of protein drugs.

Protein drugs are medications that are widely used in a variety of clinical conditions to cure diseases (or reduce the symptoms) such as diabetes, cancer, immune system disorders, neurological disorders and many others. They include medicines with names that end in “…mab” (like rituximab and infliximab), in addition to etanercept, abatacept, and anakinra. These drugs need to be carefully stored and handled, otherwise they could potentially lose their effect.

We would like to understand the challenges faced when handling protein drug medication at home, by interviewing people either in a group setting or on a one-to-one basis (observing social distance). We want to consider people’s preference and needs from the very beginning of the project.

Please note that the interviews will be pseudonymised and no one will be able to recognise you. No personal data will be shared and will be securely stored in a server at the University of Dundee where only the people involved in the project will have access.

If you have any questions please, do not hesitate to contact me, my name is Giorgia De Paoli and I am a research pharmacist working on the project.

We hope you will be interested in helping us with this important research project!

Thank you so much for your time!

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