

How does differentiated thyroid cancer affect patients' quality of life?

- Are you interested in taking part in a research study to talk about your experience of thyroid cancer?
 - Oxford Outcomes are running focus groups and interviews during the ThyCa conference and are looking for participants
- What is a focus group?
 - A focus group is a group of about 4 to 6 people discussing topics that are put forward by a moderator. There will also be a co-moderator (a second researcher helping the moderator) and possibly an observer in the room.
- What is an interview?
 - An interview is conducted by a researcher, and would be one-to-one, with the researcher asking questions about your experiences
- What will it involve?
 - If you take part in a focus group, there will be approximately five other people who also have thyroid cancer at a similar treatment phase to you
 - A moderator will introduce topics for discussion in the group. You can contribute as little or as much as you like, although the moderator will encourage everyone to share their thoughts and experiences. Your name will not be used in any reports from the study
 - A focus group will last up to an hour and a half, an interview will last up to an hour. In both cases the discussion will be audio-recorded
 - You will receive \$50 for your time
 - If you are interested in taking part, but are not able to participate in a focus group at the 15th International Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Conference (for example if you are unavailable at the time groups are scheduled), there is also the opportunity to take part in an individual interview, either in person at the conference, or over the telephone at a time that is convenient to you.

- How do I sign up?
 - There are four ways of letting us know you are interested in taking part in the study:
 1. Call Oxford Outcomes on 866-893-0282 (toll free) and speak to a member of the Thyroid Cancer research team
 2. Go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/thyroidcancerscreener> and complete a brief questionnaire
 3. Speak to a researcher from Oxford Outcomes at the ThyCa conference.
 4. Mail a completed questionnaire using the envelope provided.
 - A researcher will need to go through some questions with you to see if you are eligible to take part
 - If you are eligible, the researcher will discuss the time and location of the focus group or interview