



## Mercy Perinatal Consumer Advisory Steering Group (CASG) - Expression of Interest



Consumer Advisory Steering Group

### Position Overview

An exciting opportunity exists with Mercy Perinatal to join our Consumer Advisory Steering Group (CASG). If you are keen to help shape the research agenda of one of the leading pregnancy research units in Australia, this is the position for you! As we design and develop our research strategy, we are seeking consumers who have:

- A lived experience of pregnancy and
- Consumer engagement experience

Mercy Perinatal comprises a team of obstetricians, midwives and researchers based within the Mercy Hospital for Women. We are seeking to establish a vibrant community of consumers – led by the CASG - to help direct, develop, shape and advise on our research programs. These programs include basic science (discovery research), clinical research projects (cohort studies, clinical trials) and implementation science – all with the aim to improve outcomes for pregnant women, their babies and families. The consumer voice is critical to enhance medical decision-making in pregnancy care, and to improve the information available to patients and their care providers during pregnancy. The CASG will oversee the Mercy Perinatal Consumer Network, which will help us prioritise the research questions we ask and the outcomes we choose to examine. The CASG will oversee the strategy for all consumer interactions.

### About Mercy Perinatal

Mercy Perinatal is a 3-pillar centre for excellence, involving clinical care, education and research in high risk pregnancy. Our research programs span all of pregnancy, from preconception care, through to complicated pregnancy and birth, through to newborn health. Whether prototyping new tests and technologies, undertaking clinical trials or interrogating datasets to determine the long term impacts of exposures in pregnancy, our researchers are working to help identify, treat and prevent conditions affecting pregnant women and babies.

And we need your help! Our work and its impact is enormously enhanced through the input from consumers, led by a dynamic CASG. Across all stages of our research, from planning, to funding, to design and implementation, we will be seeking consumer representatives to provide insight and inform our work.

### Remuneration

Mercy Perinatal will be providing remuneration in alignment with the Appointment and Remuneration Guidelines set out by the Premier and Cabinet (<https://www.vic.gov.au/guidelines-appointment-remuneration>). We will also reimburse any additional out of pocket costs.

### Time Commitment

The committee will meet bi-monthly for approximately 1 hour – this will be at the Mercy Hospital for Women, Zoom links may be provided.

Other time commitments may include:

- Pre-reading/work prior to the meeting will be expected – 2 hours maximum
- Group members may be invited to attend training sessions (depending on level of knowledge and experience) – 2 training sessions per year



## Interested?

For more information, please see the Role Description or Terms of Reference, or reach out to our Consumer Advisory Steering Group administrator Isabella Preston at [mercyperinatal@mercy.com.au](mailto:mercyperinatal@mercy.com.au)

## Ready to Apply?

Tell us about you! Fill out the following Survey so we can get to know you better. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, including the upload of cover letter and resume.

At the end of the survey you will be asked to include your Resume and a Cover Letter. We would appreciate hearing about your experience with pregnancy, your experience in consumer advisory positions, and why you are interested in joining the Mercy Perinatal Consumer Advisory Steering Group. You are also welcome to address the Experience/Qualifications and Skills/Qualities in the Role Description.

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QHVJWQ7>

If you would like to send any more supporting documents or information, please forward this to [mercyperinatal@mercy.com.au](mailto:mercyperinatal@mercy.com.au)

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