

Appendix G

Research Participant Consent Form

Relationship between Quality of Well-Being and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder among Soldiers with Traumatic Amputation during Operation Enduring/Iraqi Freedom

Introduction

Shelly Burdette-Taylor is a doctoral student in nursing at the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science at the University of San Diego. You are invited to participate in a dissertation study she is conducting for the purpose of exploring how well soldiers who have lost one or more limbs are doing with quality of well-being and post traumatic stress symptoms.

Procedures

The research project will involve one meeting that will take about 60 minutes. Shelly will ask you to fill out 3 questionnaires that will ask you information about how you are feeling emotionally right now and what your quality of well-being is like. A typical question on these questionnaires is, "Are you able to be physically active in your present life your life?" You will also be asked general questions about yourself such as age, occupation, and the kind of environment and support you have. After you finish filling out the forms, you have the option of Shelly taking your picture. You do not have to have your picture taken. If you do choose to have it taken, Shelly will give you another form called the Media Release Form to sign and a copy to keep. Shelly will use your picture to analyze your level of well-being. She may show your picture at professional meetings for

nurses, physicians, and other health care professionals, but not anywhere else, and will never use your name with picture. She will not use your photograph for commercial or profit purposes, and she will not put it on the Internet. Be sure to check the box at the end of this form indicating whether it's OK for Shelly to take a picture or not.

Risks

There may be a risk that you may feel strong emotions like anxiety or sadness while filling out the questionnaires. You can stop at any time to rest, decide not to fill out all the forms, or withdraw from the study anytime.

Sometimes when people are asked to think about their feelings, they feel sad or anxious.

If you would like to talk to someone about your feelings at any time, you can call **San Diego Mental Health Hotline at 1-800-479-3339** (toll-free 24 hours a day).

You may also call the Veterans Administration: **Veteran Counseling and Guidance Center at (619) 294-2040**.

Benefits

The benefit to participating will be in knowing that you helped nurses, physicians, other healthcare providers, and the general public know more about how to help people who have experienced traumatic injury in combat and how to reach a greater level of function by being more proactive and identifying needs in a timely manner.

Participant Costs

The only cost to you is 60 minutes of your time.

Confidentiality

Any information provided and/or identifying records will remain confidential and safeguarded in a locked file in Shelly Burdette-Taylor's home for a minimum of five years. All data collected from you will be coded with a number and not your name. The results of the research project may be made public and presented in professional journals or meetings, but results will only be reported as a group, and not individually. If you do agree to have your picture taken, it will be shown only at professional meetings for nurses, physicians, and other health care professionals. Your name will never be used with your picture, only a code number.

Voluntary Participation and Withdrawal

Participation in the research project is entirely voluntary and you can refuse to answer any question and/or quit at any time. Should you choose to quit, no one will be upset with you. Deciding not to participate or answer some of the questions will have no effect on your health care or any other services you might receive from doctors, nurses, or social services, or your status in the U.S. armed services.

More Information

If you have any additional questions about this research project, please contact Michele (Shelly) R. Burdette-Taylor (858) 663-4150 or shelly@taylordhealth.com. You may also contact Dr. Jane Georges, the professor who is supervising Shelly's research, at the University of San Diego School of Nursing (619) 260-4566 or at jgeorges@sandiego.edu for additional information.

I have read and understand this form, and consent to the research it describes to me. I have received a copy of this consent form for my records.

Please check one space below and sign:

YES, it's OK for Shelly to take my picture. I have also signed and received a copy of the Media Release Form.

NO THANKS- I do not wish for Shelly to take my picture, but I will fill out the forms.

Signature of Participant

Date

Name of Participant (Printed)

Signature of Investigator

Date