

STUDY CONSENT LETTER – INTERVIEWS

STUDY TITLE: Asset Mapping for Time-Based Support in Alzheimer's Disease Care

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You are invited to participate in an interview for this research study. Before agreeing, please read the following information carefully. If you have any questions, contact the research team before providing consent.

Purpose and Objectives

The goal of this study is to find out what health and social services are available for family caregivers at different stages of supporting someone with Alzheimer's disease. As part of the study, we will figure out which services match each stage and then check them over with caregivers, community groups, Alzheimer's societies, and healthcare providers. Together, we will create easy-to-use advice, tools, and resources to help caregivers know what services are available at the right time in their caregiving journey.

Eligibility Criteria

To participate, you must:

- Adults aged 18 or older.
- Individuals who provide caregiving to someone diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia.
- Caregivers who have been involved in caregiving for at least six months.
- Able to speak and understand English.

Procedures

You will take part in a one-on-one interview that will last about 60 minutes. During the interview, we will talk about the services and supports available for caregivers and get your feedback to help improve the information we are gathering. The interview can be done virtually or in person, whichever you prefer. With your permission, we will audio-record the conversation to make sure we capture everything accurately.

Risks

You may find discussions about service gaps or challenges in Alzheimer's care to be thought-provoking or emotionally engaging. You may skip questions or pause the interview at any time. A list of support resources will be provided.

Compensation

Participants will receive a **\$25/hour e-gift card** for their time.

Confidentiality

All data will be securely stored at [Your Institution]. Personal identifiers will be removed, and each participant will receive a unique study ID. Data will be stored securely for seven years and then permanently deleted. Participants may withdraw within **two weeks** of participation, after which data will be anonymized for analysis.

Participation

Participation is voluntary. You may withdraw at any time without penalty. Withdrawing within two weeks ensures your data will not be included in the analysis.

Questions

For questions about your rights as a research participant, contact the University of Toronto Office for Research Ethics at ethics.review@utoronto.ca or 416-946-3273.

CONSENT FORM – INTERVIEWS

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By signing this form, I confirm that:

1. I have read and understood the study details and had the opportunity to ask questions.
2. The study's potential risks and benefits have been explained to me.
3. I understand my participation is voluntary, and I may withdraw within two weeks of participation.
4. I understand that my identity will be kept confidential and that data will be anonymized.
5. I do not waive any legal rights by consenting to participate.
6. I consent to receive an e-gift card at the email I specify. Email: _____

I agree to participate in this study.

Participant Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Researcher Statement:

I have explained the details of this study and answered all participant questions.

Researcher Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____
