

PERMISSION TO RECRUIT CLINIC VISITORS

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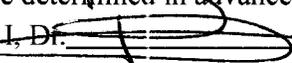
Title of research: Usability Comparisons of the Oculus Rift Head-Mounted Display and the Firsthand 3D-Stereoscopic Display in Virtual Meditative Walk

Investigators: Xin Tong (Principal investigator), Dr. Diane Gromala (Project Leader), Chris Shaw (Faculty Supervisor), Dimple Gupta (research personnel)

Purpose of the study: The purpose of this user study is to compare and test the usability – especially physical comfort – of two types Virtual Reality (VR) displays in the Virtual Meditative Walk (VMW) for chronic pain patients. VMW is an immersive VR environment developed in Pain Studies Lab to help chronic pain patients learn to better manage their pain. The study lasts 40 minutes.

I, Dr.  (Dr. Pamela Squire), hereby give my consent for the principal investigator, Xin Tong, and research personnel, Dimple Gupta, to access my clinic for the purpose of recruiting participants who will volunteer to participate in the Virtual Meditative Walk study.

I have been made aware that the patient privacy and personal information will be made anonymous and that any data obtained during the course of the experiment will be kept in a locked cabinet in Dr. Diane Gromala's office at SFU Surrey, Room 2813. This data will be stored for 5 years. In addition, the patients will sign a consent form describing the scope of the study. Participants have the freedom to withdraw their participation at any time during the study without prejudice and will be advised that their decision to participate or not participate will in no way affect their relationship with me.

A schedule will be determined in advance that will be convenient for all parties to initiate the study. I, Dr.  (Dr. Pamela Squire), or any member of my staff, has the right to terminate the clinic's involvement in this study by providing 24-hour advance written notice to the principal investigator.