

You are being invited to participate in a research study titled: Design of a Low-Cost Laparoscope. This study is part of a Master's graduation project at TU Delft, conducted by Tijn Jeletich, supervised by Jenny Dankelman and Roos Oosting. The data collected in this research may be used for a scientific publication.

We are developing a simple and robust laparoscope to be used in low- and middle income countries. To do this, we need to understand how laparoscopic procedures and training are currently organised in different settings, what equipment is available, and which local/contextual factors affect safe and effective use. Since you are a medical professional in such a setting, you are invited to join an online interview (via Teams), which will take 30–45 minutes. We will ask about how laparoscopic surgeries and training are organized and what local factors might affect the use of such a system.

We will not collect your name or personal details in the interview. We will only note your country and the type of hospital (for example, primary, secondary, mission). The interview transcription will be stored securely on TU Delft's server. Any quotes will be paraphrased and shown in a way that cannot be linked back to you.

There are no expected risks to taking part. You will not receive payment, but your input will help improve training tools for similar settings.

Your participation is voluntary. You may stop at any time or skip any question without giving a reason.

You also have the right to access, change or delete your personal data after the interview.

If you have questions, complaints, or want to change anything, please contact:

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Explicit Consent points

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES	Yes
A: GENERAL AGREEMENT – RESEARCH GOALS, PARTICIPANT TASKS AND VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION	
1. I have read and understood the study information dated [DD/MM/YYYY], or it has been read to me. I have been able to ask questions about the study and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.	☐
2. I consent voluntarily to be a participant in this study and understand that I can refuse to answer questions and I can withdraw from the study at any time, without having to give a reason.	☐
3. I understand that taking part in the study involves getting interviewed that gets transcribed	☐
B: POTENTIAL RISKS OF PARTICIPATING (INCLUDING DATA PROTECTION)	
7. I understand that taking part in the study also involves collecting specific personally identifiable information (PII) name, e-mail for administrative purposes and associated personally identifiable research data (PIRD) hospital and country with the potential risk of my identity being revealed [...]	☐
9. I understand that the following steps will be taken to minimise the threat of a data breach, and protect my identity in the event of such a breach: • Anonymization of the data • Data will be stored in specialized TU Delft storage for theses and PhD's	☐
10. I understand that personal information collected about me that can identify me, such as name and location of work, will not be shared beyond the study team.	☐
11. I understand that the (identifiable) personal data I provide will be destroyed after completion of the project	☐
C: RESEARCH PUBLICATION, DISSEMINATION AND APPLICATION	
12. I understand that after the research study the de-identified information I provide will be used for the context study of a master's thesis.	☐
13. I agree that my responses, views or other input can be quoted anonymously in research outputs	☐
D: (LONGTERM) DATA STORAGE, ACCESS AND REUSE	
16. I give permission for the de-identified interview transcription that I provide to be archived in TU Delft repository so it can be used for future research and learning.	☐

Signatures

Name of participant [printed]

Signature

Date

I, as researcher, have accurately read out the information sheet to the potential participant and, to the best of my ability, ensured that the participant understands to what they are freely consenting.

Researcher name [printed]

Signature

Date

Study contact details for further information: Tijn Jeletich

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