

Informed Consent

I hereby agree to participate in this study. I have been informed about the study entitled; Investigating Paternal Involvement and Its Long-Term Effects on Psychological Distress and Self-Esteem Among Young Adults at the University of KwaZulu-Natal: A Cross-Sectional Survey.

I understand the purpose and procedures of the study. I have had an opportunity to read and understand the information sheet. I have been given an opportunity to ask questions about the study and have had answers to my satisfaction.

I declare that my participation in this study is entirely voluntary and that I may withdraw at any time before I submit a completed response without affecting any treatment or care that I would usually be entitled to. I understand that due to the anonymous nature of data collection, withdrawal after submission is not possible, as responses cannot be traced back to individual participants.

I have been informed that there will be no reward or sanction as a result of my participation in this study. I have been made aware of the campus counselling services available.

If I have any further questions/concerns or queries related to the study, I understand that I may contact the researcher via email at 218048974@stu.ukzn.ac.za.

If I have any questions or concerns about my rights as a study participant, or if I am concerned about an aspect of the study or the researchers, then I may contact:

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Your well-being is prioritized, and support has been made available for you if any part of this study has caused you distress or discomfort. Please note that you can contact the **UKZN Psychology Clinic** on the number below to schedule an appointment with a trained professional who can provide guidance and assistance.

Call: 031 260 7425 or Email: hattinghd@ukzn.ac.za

Address: Psychology Clinic, Room B18, Lower Ground Floor, Memorial Tower Building, King George V Avenue, Durban

Signature of Participant

Date