



Women with Fibromyalgia Syndrome are Invited to Participate in a Fibromyalgia Research Study



Study Purpose: To examine the relationships between communication with your healthcare provider and feelings of illness uncertainty, helplessness, and well-being in women with fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS).

Process: *If you are interested in participating in this study, please contact Melody Reibel via telephone at 502-777-8645 or email at mdreib01@louisville.edu. The researcher, Melody Reibel, will contact you to answer questions you may have related to the study and review eligibility. You are not obligated to participate in the study just because you contact the researcher to get more information.

If you choose to participate in the study, you will be asked to complete short surveys concerning your experiences with fibromyalgia syndrome. Information from the surveys will be anonymous, kept confidential, and will be used only for research purposes. The estimated time for completion of the surveys is less than 30 minutes.

Potential Benefits: We hope this study will help healthcare providers recognize the importance of using positive communication with women with fibromyalgia and gain a greater understanding of how communication affects illness uncertainty, helplessness and subjective well-being in women with fibromyalgia.

Sincerely,

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