

Please consider participating in a discussion group with researchers from Washington State University and Providence Health Care.

We would like to improve the hospital discharge experience. By participating in this focus group, you will contribute to a ground-breaking study funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) that explores factors associated with medical error and subsequent medical malpractice suits. Titled *Transitional Care Medication Safety and Medical Liability: Closing the Chasm*, the purpose of the study is to evaluate process and outcome factors associated with medication discrepancies and adverse events that increase medical liability.

We are asking you to participate in a “mock” focus group that will last 1 ½ - 2 hours and you will be paid \$20 in appreciation of your time for attending and participating (date, time and location to be determined).

Why is this focus group being done?

The purpose of this “mock” focus group is to help us improve the process we will use when we conduct actual focus groups with professionals who are stakeholders in the outcomes of patients being discharged from the hospital. We believe the experience of conducting the “mock” focus group will help us streamline the procedures for upcoming actual focus groups so that our research process is more efficient and effective.

For more information about participating in this research project, please call **E’lise Balogh** at **(509) 324-7411**.

If no one answers, please leave a message with your name and phone number.

Thank you!