

Wood heater smoke & health study



Do you have asthma?

We are looking for volunteers aged 12 years and over who have asthma and who live in the Penrith area in a home which uses a wood heater or an electric heater in winter.

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The University of Canberra and the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research, Macquarie University are looking for households with at least one person with asthma aged 12 years or over to participate in a research study of indoor air quality, specifically wood heater smoke, in the Penrith area. We are aiming to recruit 10 homes with wood heaters and 10 homes with electric heating and would like to do indoor and outdoor air monitoring on your property and install an air cleaner. We will also ask you to do some simple breathing tests, carry a personal air quality monitor, and to keep a short symptom diary every day for 2 months. The study will test whether use of air cleaners improves indoor air quality and has an impact on peoples' health. We will reimburse your household for your involvement in the monitoring. You will have access to the results of breathing tests.

For more information, please contact Dr Nigel Goodman at heal@canberra.edu.au, or scan the QR code above.

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