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CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

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I _____ hereby consent to participate in the captioned research conducted by Dr. Justina Yat Wa LIU.

I understand that information obtained from this research may be used in future research and published. However, my right to privacy will be retained, i.e. my personal details will not be revealed and my responses to interview questions will be kept confidential.

The procedure as set out in the attached information sheet has been fully explained. I understand the benefits and risks involved. My participation in the project is voluntary.

I acknowledge that I have the right to question any parts of the interview and/or conversation and can withdraw from the study at any time without penalty of any kind.

Participant:

Name of Participant

Signature

Date

Researcher:

Name of Researcher

Signature

Date

INFORMATION SHEET

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You are being invited to take part in this research project. This research project aims to investigate the effects of a wearable activity tracker (WAT)-based exercise programme on enhancing the physical activity levels among community dwelling pre-frail and frail older people.

If you decide to be in this study, your socio-demographic data will be obtained for research and education purpose. Each participating centre will be randomized to either the WAT group or the control group. The WAT group will receive a 3-month WAT-based exercise training programme (12 sessions) in addition to face-to-face and telephone support for behavioural change techniques (BCTs) and technical issues (7 sessions). Then, you will be requested to use the WAT on your own for another 3 months during the follow-up period. The control group will receive a 3-month exercise training programme without a WAT in addition to face-to-face and telephone support for BCTs.

To further understand the acceptability of the WAT intervention, all participants in the WAT group will be invited to attend a focus group interview. Your responses to interview questions will be kept confidential.

The researcher will conduct face-to-face interview and physical assessments before the programme begins, at 1 week, 1 and 3 months after the programme. The assessments include socio-demographics, 30-second chair stand test (30-s CST), Timed Up and Go test (TUG), 2-minute walk test (2MWT), 9-item Chinese Self-Efficacy for Exercise scale (CSEE), Fried Frailty Index (FFI), Physical Activity Scale for Elderly-Chinese (PASE-C), Chinese Global Physical Activity Questionnaire (C-GPAQ) and Chinese Behavioural Regulation in Exercise Questionnaire (C-BREQ-2).

Adverse events such as muscle tiredness may arise during the exercise programme. Therefore, the potential adverse events relating to the intervention and information on exercising safely will be discussed with you. All information related to you will remain confidential, and will be identifiable by codes only known to the researcher. The collected data may be used for future studies, education and academic purposes.

You have every right to withdrawn from the study before or during the study without penalty of any kind.

If you would like to know more details of this study, please contact Dr Justina Liu at 2766-4097.

If you have any complaints about the conduct of this research study, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Cherrie Mok, Secretary of the Human Subjects Ethics Sub-Committee of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University in writing (c/o Research Office of the University) stating clearly the responsible person and department of this study.

Thank you for your interest in participating in this study.

Dr. Justina Yat Wa LIU
Principal Investigator