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RE: SURVEY OF SCREENING FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS IN CHILDREN – A CANADIAN PRIMARY CARE PERSPECTIVE

Dear Primary Care Provider:

You are invited to participate in a survey entitled: “Survey of Screening for Developmental Delays in Children – A Canadian Primary Care Perspective.” The investigators are Dr. Marjolaine Limbos, PhD, BC Children’s Hospital, and Dr. David Joyce, MD, CCFP, of UBC Department of Family Medicine. The purpose of the survey is to evaluate and summarize knowledge, attitudes, practices and barriers to screening for developmental delays in Canadian children.

This questionnaire is being sent to a large, unselected sample of primary care providers in British Columbia. If you agree to participate you will complete and return the enclosed questionnaire. It will require 10 to 15 minutes of your time to complete. Please keep a copy of this letter for your records. Your participation in this survey is voluntary and anonymous. You may refuse to participate, refuse to answer any question or withdraw from the survey at any time. The information gathered will be evaluated only by members of the research team. The responses to returned questionnaires will be stored in a password-protected computer and in a locked filing cabinet in the Principal Investigator’s office. No information that would identify you will be contained in the returned survey. Your voluntary agreement to participate is indicated by completing and submitting the questionnaire.

No known risks will be involved in completing this questionnaire. The benefits would include allowing the researchers to draw conclusions about the knowledge, practices and barriers to screening for developmental delays, which could be used to develop educational programs for primary care providers. The results may also be used to guide future research on various methods of developmental screening in primary care.

You will receive two follow up notices reminding you to complete this survey. Since this is an anonymous survey, the researchers will not know who responds or who does not, so please ignore these reminders if you have already completed the survey or if you do not wish to participate.

We do not think there is anything in this study that could harm you. Some of the questions we ask might upset you. Please let one of the study investigators know if you have any concerns. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the principal investigators, Dr. Marjolaine Limbos or Dr. David Joyce at (604) 346-6505. If you have any concerns about your rights as a research subject and/or your experiences while participating in this study, you may contact the Research Subject Information Line in the UBC Office of Research Services at 604-822-8598 or if long distance e-mail RSIL@ors.ubc.ca or call toll free 1-877-822-8598.

We appreciate your consideration for participating in this survey which we believe is of great importance to primary care and child health in Canada. Please note that completion of this survey confirms consent of participation.

Sincerely,

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