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Dear respected Dr.,

I am writing to let you know about a research study that you have the option to take part in. The research is being conducted by **La Trobe Rural Health School**. I am contacting you because **you are a General Medical Practitioner (GMP) registered in the AMA (Australian Medical Association) of Victoria.**

**Research Study Title: Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of Victorian General Medical Practitioners towards Common Adult and Paediatric Dental Problems**

This research is being done to learn more about the:

1. **Victorian GMPs’ knowledge, insights and competence regarding accurate diagnosis of dental conditions, affecting the adult population**
2. **the depth of scope of GMPs in managing early childhood caries in the paediatric age group**
3. **the different routes, GMPs pursue while referring patients with a persisting oral infection or dental pain.**

The reason we want to know more about this topic is **because there is no documentation of a similar study in the literature conducted in Victoria and also because the topic of early childhood caries has not been explored in detail in the state of Victoria in previous studies.**

Taking part in this research study is optional. We are looking for people who want to take part in this research and who are:

* **Inclusion criteria: all Victorian registered GMPs of the AMA**
* **Exclusion criteria: GMPs in other Australian states and territories**.

If you decide to take part in the research, we would:

* **ask you to complete a Participant Information and Consent form (PICF)**
* **ask you to complete a survey through the REDCap software.**

Taking part in this research study is voluntary. You may choose not to take part. If you decide not to take part in this research, your decision will not affect your relationship with La Trobe University.

This research has been reviewed and approved by The La Trobe University Human Research Ethics Committee.

If you have a question or a complaint or something isn’t clear or if you would like to provide us feedback, please contact Ethics, Integrity and Biosafety on:
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Yours sincerely,

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