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RE: Notification of New Pediatric EMS Research Study

I am writing to inform you of a research study that will begin enrollment in the Oishei Children's Hospital Emergency Department this summer. The study entitled "Factors Associated with Prehospital Pain Management in Injured Children" is anticipated to be open for enrollment beginning Tuesday September 10, 2019 and will solicit observations from ALS EMS providers who transport an injured child directly from the scene to the EDTC. The study will be supervised by Drs. E Brooke Lerner and Kunal Chadha. You are receiving this notification as your agency may transport such a child to Oishei Children's Hospital Emergency Department during the study enrollment period.

Oishei is one of 10 children's emergency departments across the country participating in this study, the purpose of which is to obtain first-hand prehospital observations from treating ALS providers regarding the enablers and barriers that influence pain management decisions in injured children prior to arrival at the emergency department. In order to capture these observations, we will request that ALS providers who transport an injured child <18 years of age complete a tablet-based electronic questionnaire immediately after they have transitioned patient care to the Oishei staff. The questionnaire will ask about factors in that particular transport that either made it easier or made it harder to provide appropriate pain management. The questionnaire has been tested and will take 4-5 minutes to complete.

Participation in this study and completion of the questionnaire will be voluntary and refusal to participate will not impact the clinical care of the patient nor the working relationship between Oishei Children's Hospital and your providers. We will not ask for any identifying information from the provider and the researchers will not be able to identify which providers and which agencies complete the questionnaire. Should you be interested in the study's findings, you may communicate that interest with Dr. Browne who will share the results as they come to be known.

We greatly appreciate your willingness to support this research endeavor. Results from this study will inform future studies to develop tools and strategies that will make it easier to provide appropriate pain management to injured children in the prehospital setting. If you have any questions, concerns or comments about this study either prior to or during enrollment, please contact Dr. Browne below.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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