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**Participant Information Form**

**Project title: Prescription of Systemic Antibiotics by Periodontists a Multi-National Survey**

**Researchers:**

This study will be conducted by three dental students (Christopher Lamb, Brendan Lim, Rachael Wu) from the University of Western Australia over the course of three years (Year 2 – 4) with the Chief Supervisor Dr Julio Rincon and co-supervisor Associate Professor Leticia Algarves Miranda.

**Invitation:**

You are invited to participate in a multi-national survey investigating the prescription of systemic antibiotics by periodontal specialists. With the knowledge and experiences you have acquired through your training and specialist practice, you represent an important pool of participants who are able to contribute to furthering our understanding in the prescription of systemic antibiotics by the periodontal specialty.

This sheet gives you information about the study aims, methods and potential benefits of this survey. Included is information concerning your rights as a participant and our commitment to the confidentiality of your information.

*Please note that participation in this study is purely* ***voluntary***

**Aim of the Study (What is the project about?)**

During the past three decades, dental practitioners have embraced the use of systemic antibiotics in treating periodontal diseases due to their ability to reach microorganisms unable to be accessed by mechanical therapy. The use of systemic antibiotics as adjuncts has been shown to improve clinic parameters when treating periodontal diseases. Furthermore, systemic antibiotics have been used as prophylaxis to minimize post-operative infections and improve clinical outcomes. The aim of this present study is therefore to examine the trends and perceptions in prescribing systemic antibiotics for the treatment of periodontal and peri-implant diseases by periodontists around the world. Secondly, the survey hopes to evaluate the factors, which may affect the prescription of systemic antibiotics globally.

**What does participation involve?**

Participants will be requested to fill out an online survey that will take 15 minutes. The survey will request demographic details, information pertaining to your prescription of systemic antibiotics for various periodontal/peri-implant conditions, management of systemic conditions, surgical procedures associated with implant placement, and prophylaxis. The information acquired will assist in our study to assess the pattern of systemic antibiotic prescription by the periodontal profession multi-nationally.

**Voluntary Participation and Withdrawal from the Study**

Please sign the consent form provided, if you are willing to participate in the survey. Participation in this study is voluntary. Participants are able to withdraw from the study at any time without prejudice or a need for explanation. The collected surveys will NOT have any identification details/codes attached to them; therefore making the data collection anonymous. Withdrawal will not be possible after data has been submitted. The data will be destroyed after 7 years.

**Your privacy**

Your participation in this study and information that you provide will be treated with utmost confidentiality. The survey will not require your name or contact details. Survey responses provided will remain anonymous and will be stored in a de-identified format, in a password-protected computer within the Dental School at the University of Western Australia for a minimum of seven years.

**Possible Benefits**

Your participation in this study would assist us in determining the prescription patterns of systemic antibiotics within the scope of the periodontal practice globally. This would provide insight into the management of periodontal conditions by periodontists globally and allow us to draw comparisons to evidence in literature on the use of systemic antibiotics. Findings may have the potential to alter the standard of practice in managing periodontal conditions with regards to the use of systemic antibiotics. Aside from contributing to vital research knowledge, participants will not receive any direct benefits. Upon publishing of the research paper, participants will be notified so that they may access the study outcome.

**Possible Risks and Risk Management Plan**

Some of the content of the questionnaire will require participants to disclose personal information, such as training and clinical experience. However, the participants will be randomly allocated numbers and remain anonymous. No patient-related information/samples will be involved. Hence there is little harm or risk to participants.

**Contacts**

We appreciate you taking the time to read this information sheet. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this study, please feel free to contact myself on +61 8 6457 7664 or via e-mail [julio.rincon@uwa.edu.au](about:blank)

Thank you for your participation and your time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Julio Rincon

**Researchers:**

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Approval to conduct this research has been provided by the University of Western Australia, in accordance with its ethics review and approval procedures. Any person considering participation in this research project, or agreeing to participate, may raise any questions or issues with the researchers at any time. In addition, any person not satisfied with the response of researchers may raise ethics issues or concerns, and may make any complaints about this research project by contacting the Human Ethics office at UWA on (08) 6488 4703 or by emailing to humanethics[@uwa.edu.au](mailto:hreo-research@uwa.edu.au). All research participants are entitled to retain a copy of any Participant Information Form and/or Participant Consent Form relating to this research project.