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Dear Fellow Primary Care Doctors,

HKCFP-HKU Primary Care Morbidity Survey: Inviting primary care doctors to participate

We are writing to invite you to participate in the HKCFP-HKU Primary Care Morbidity Survey in Hong Kong, commissioned by the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians. This current morbidity survey will be the third of its kind, after the last one successfully carried out in 2007-08. While we recognize the ongoing pandemic is a consideration, this survey will commence in March 2021 reflecting what may be the 'new normal.'

Why participate?

- We need primary care doctors to contribute research data to inform primary health care resource allocation and priorities, service planning, and educational curricula for medical and health care students.
- For example, primary care doctors in the previous morbidity study provided real practice evidence that validated the content of family medicine vocational training and examination in HK. This helped in the accreditation of the HKCFP/RACGP conjoint examination.

Who can participate?

- All doctors in active clinical primary care practice, public or private.

What do doctors have to do?

- Record brief diagnostic and management information for consecutive patient encounters on a standardized form during a designated week in each season of the year
- Maximum 4 weeks, minimum 1 week participation

Other benefits?

- \$400 gift certificate from the shop/vendor of your choice, for each week of data collection completed (maximum 4 weeks (\$1600)), as a token of thanks
- 1 HKCFP CPD credit will be awarded to each participant
- MCHK/ HKCFP CME credits for attending online study-related seminars and training (1 credit per hour – to be confirmed)

What next?

- Please read the attached information sheet and return the consent form with your preferred weeks for data collection. We will directly contact those who reply.
- May we also welcome you to forward this invitation to your fellow primary care doctors and encourage them to join the study.

We greatly value your participation and hope that you would consider contributing your time and expertise to this study.

With many thanks,

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