Dear Clinician:

You are invited to participate in a survey study on health care practitioners’ practice patterns in neck pain management. If you wish to participate, you will be asked to complete 5 surveys covering specific clinical subtasks with respect to neck pain:

1) Assessment/Diagnosis
2) Outcome Evaluation
3) Adverse Events & Prognosis
4) Treatment - Pharmacological & Psychological Interventions
5) Treatment - Physical Medicine & Complementary and Alternative Medicine

Each survey will take approximately **10-15 minutes** to answer. You will receive a new survey approximately every 4 weeks.

To view the “Treatment - Physical Medicine & Complementary and Alternative Medicine” survey, please click on the following link (if clicking on the link does not work, then copy and paste the full link into the browser address bar):

<http://painplussurveys.mcmaster.ca/index.php?sid=73142&lang=en>

If you experience technical difficulties, please contact Margaret Lomotan at 905-525-9140 ext. 27328 or lomotam@mcmaster.ca.

If you have any questions regarding the study, please feel free to contact Joy MacDermid, PhD, at 905-525-9140 ext. 22524 or macderj@mcmaster.ca.

This study has been reviewed and approved by the Hamilton Health Sciences/Faculty of Health Sciences Research Ethics Board. If you have any concerns or questions about your rights as a participant or about the way the study is conducted, you may contact:

Office of the Chair of the Hamilton Health Sciences/Faculty of Health Sciences Research Ethics Board
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Thank you for your support in this research!

Sincerely,

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