

## **Research Ethics Questions and Answers Pertaining to the "Factors Influencing Hospital Admission for Children Undergoing Elective Tonsillectomy/Adenotonsillectomy" Study**

### ***Q: What is the overall goal of this study?***

**A:** Our goal is to describe the various factors and criteria used by North American pediatric otolaryngologists and anesthesiologists to determine the need for a postoperative hospital admission/referral in children undergoing an elective T/A&T.

### ***Q: What are the outcomes to be measured in this study?***

**A:**

1. Primary
  - a. Confidence among North American pediatric anesthesiologists and otolaryngologists to determine the most appropriate postoperative disposition of a child undergoing elective T/A&T.
2. Secondary related to same surgical population
  - a. Preoperative utilization of polysomnography or overnight pulse-oximetry to screen for OSA.
  - b. Types of common preoperative tools used to aid the diagnosis of OSA.
  - c. Pre-operative criteria used to determine overnight admission/hospital referral.
  - d. Respiratory-related intra-operative and post-anesthesia criteria used to consider overnight admission/hospital referral.
  - e. Post-operative disposition locations available and utilization of discharge criteria.
  - f. Demographics of the responding physician.

### ***Q: Has the project received ethics approval?***

**A:** Yes. The Research Ethics Board at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario Research Institute, affiliated with the University of Ottawa, has approved the project.

### ***Q: How will I provide my consent if I choose to participate?***

**A:** Your consent to participate will be considered implied if you agree to complete the online survey. There will not be written, signed consent.

### ***Q: Will the results be anonymous?***

**A:** Your personalized link to the survey has been assigned a number. This information will be password-protected and accessible only to the Primary Investigator. Reporting of data for publication will be presented as aggregate data only. No hospital will be identified by name.

### ***Q: Do I have to participate?***

**A:** You are free to participate or not in our study. You are free to withdraw your participation from this study at anytime.

### ***Q: Are there any anticipated harms from my participating in the study?***

**A:** It would be extremely unlikely. All information will be treated anonymously. Neither you nor your hospital will be identified by name in any publication or report.

### ***Q: Who is funding the study?***

**A:** University of Ottawa Department of Anesthesiology

### ***Q: Who are the members of the research group?***

**A:** Kimmo Murto (PI), MD, FRCPC; Sherri Katz, MD; Wesley Chen B.ScH.; Lisa Elden, MD; Stacey Ishman, MD; Deborah Schwengel, MD; Evan Propst, MD; Vidya Raman, MD; Aymen Sellami LL.L., M.D. (candidate); Mary Aglipay MSc; Jerrold Lerman, MD; Society of Anesthesia and Sleep Medicine (SASM) Pediatric Committee.

**Q: *Who can I contact if I have any other questions?***

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