

Recruitment Email/Consent Form

Do you currently provide services or care to women of childbearing age?

If you answered “**yes**” then we would like to ask you to participate in a research project involving the completion of a 15 minute online survey on **knowledge, attitudes and practices related to alcohol use during pregnancy**. This e-mail is being sent on behalf of Dr. Jocelynn Cook and her staff at the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC).

In 2001-2002, the Public Health Agency of Canada facilitated a survey to determine knowledge and attitudes towards Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) and alcohol use during pregnancy of physicians and midwives across Canada. The results provided important insight and informed future educational initiatives for health care professionals.

Despite their interaction with women, other service providers have not been asked similar questions, nor have their screening and referral/intervention practices been determined. This information is critical to the development and dissemination of prevention and intervention practices across sectors.

The survey is completely anonymous; it will not be linked to your personal identifying information. Data will be presented as group averages in any reports and/or publications. There are no known risks to participating in the research, however, others may benefit from what we learn in this study. You do not have to answer any questions that you do not want to.

Your participation in this study is voluntary. The alternative to this study is not to participate. You may decide not to be in this study, or to be in the study now, and then change your mind later without affecting the membership, education, employment, or other services to which you are entitled or are presently receiving at any institution or organization. If you withdraw your consent, the study team will no longer collect information from you for research purposes; however, if you have already submitted the survey your responses will continue to be used as they cannot be linked back to you.

To thank you for your time, you will have the option of entering your name into a draw for an iPad. Your email address will also be requested for this draw but both name and email address will not be linked in any way to your survey responses.

Information that identifies you will be released only if it is required by law. For audit purposes only, your original study records may be reviewed under the supervision of Dr. Cook’s staff by representatives from:

- the Ottawa Health Science Network Research Ethics Board (OHSN-REB),
- the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute

Research records will be kept for 10 years, after this time they will be destroyed.

If you have any questions about this study, please contact Dr. Jocelynn Cook and her study staff at 1-800-561-2416 or Ms. Kyla Kaminsky, Research Assistant, at kkaminsky@sogc.com.

The Ottawa Health Science Network Research Ethics Board (OHSN-REB) has reviewed the plans for this research study. If you have any questions about your rights as a study participant, you may contact the Chairperson at 613-798-5555, extension 16719.

Completion of the survey implies your consent to participate. If you are interested in participating, please click on the link to begin:

<https://www.research.net/r/providersaboutalcoholandpregnancy>

Thank you for your consideration,

Dr. Jocelynn Cook