

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 2 weeks.

To view the "Adverse Events & Prognosis" 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=26812&lang=en>

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