

11 July 2013

«Fname» «Surname» «Add1» «Add2»

Dear «Fname»,

RE: INVITATION FOR HELICOBACTER PYLORI RESEARCH

«Fname» («DOB»)

UMRN: «UMRN»

Medicare No: «Medicare_No»

You have been referred to us for *Helicobacter pylori* eradication treatment plan. In order to gain better understanding of this antibiotic resistant *H. pylori*, we would like to invite you to participate in our research program. Your participation will help us monitor the current antibiotic resistant pattern, improve diagnostic method and better treatment management in the future.

Your decision to participate in this study is voluntary. Any decision you make will not affect your regular medical care or any benefit to which you would otherwise be entitled. If you agreed to participate, we will collect 3 extra stomach biopsies from you during your endoscopy visit. In rare occasions, you may be asked to donate also your blood, saliva, urine and stool sample. These samples will help us understand the infection better. All left over samples will be frozen indefinitely for future reference. Your private information will not be disclosed to the public. You identity will not be used in research and will be kept safe. You are able to withdraw at any time during the study.

Please read the enclosed Participant Information Sheet for more information. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the research nurse, Jim Blanchard on 08-9346 4036, or the research coordinator, Dr. Alfred Tay on 08-9346 4817.

Yours sincerely

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