Dear Colleague,

We are writing to inform you about a research study investigating the design of new otologic instruments.

We are part of a single center study to survey physicians with experience in otology. The study will involve the completion of a simulated endoscopic ear surgery procedure using a 3D printed temporal bone model. To complete the surgery, participants will be supplied with a set of standard instruments, and a set of the newly designed tools. Following the simulation, participants will complete a survey on physician opinions regarding the design and use of these instruments.

We are asking for you to approve to our accessing email addresses for staff physicians in your division so as to contact them for participation in the study.

Please reply to this email indicating -your approval for staff contact.

If you have any questions, please email Arushri Swarup, MASc. candidate, Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (arushri.swarup@sickkids.ca), on behalf of Dr. James M. Drake Study Principal Investigator or the study principal investigator and Dr. Adrian James Study Co-Investigator. Thank you very much for your time and consideration as we work together to expand the scope of otologic techniques.

Sincerely,

Arushri Swarup

MASc. Candidate – Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery

On behalf of Dr. James M. Drake and Dr. Adrian L. James