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 residents/fellows in your physician training program so as to contact them for participation in a survey.

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

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