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Dear colleague

As part of a NETSCC-HTA funded study, we are seeking the views of members of BSUG and BAUS-SFNUU¹ about urodynamic investigation in the context of assessment prior to surgery for female stress urinary incontinence. The initial study (INVESTIGATE-1) is a mixed methods feasibility study that includes a pilot RCT, qualitative interview study of patients, and a national survey of relevant clinicians. Further details of the study can be found at: <http://www.hta.ac.uk/project/2272.asp> or at the study website: <http://www.investigate-trial.com>

We appreciate the many demands on your time, but would be grateful if you would complete a brief set of questions regarding your experience and attitudes to urodynamic investigation and to research on this topic; this will probably take you less than 10 minutes. The questionnaire has been approved by the executive of BAUS-SFNUU and the Research Committee of BSUG, and is available via SurveyMonkey™ by following the link below:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/INVESTIGATE_SURVEY

Alternatively, if you are willing to complete the questionnaire, but prefer to use a paper version, this can be obtained (along with a reply paid envelope) by contacting the Newcastle Clinical Trials Unit by email, telephone, fax or mail:

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While completing the questionnaire, please bear in mind that for each question we are interested in your views about INVASIVE urodynamic tests (by which we mean any urodynamic test that requires catheterisation – e.g. cystometry, videourodynamics, ambulatory bladder pressure monitoring), and their application prior to SURGICAL treatment for stress urinary incontinence in women.

Regardless of whether you complete the on-line or paper version of the survey, your responses will be treated in total confidence. We are most grateful for your contribution to this study.

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¹ We recognize that there are a small number of colleagues who may be members of both organisations, and apologise if you have received 2 copies of this request. We require only one response per person.