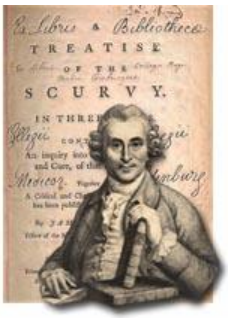

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Dear Colleague,

James Lind Alliance – Tackling treatment uncertainties together
Urinary Incontinence Working Partnership

Your organisation has kindly agreed to participate in the James Lind Alliance Working Partnership on Urinary Incontinence. This project is helping patients, carers and clinicians to work together to identify and then to prioritise important areas of uncertainty about the effectiveness of treatments for urinary incontinence.

When we speak of "important areas of uncertainty" we mean questions about treatments which are of day to day importance for patients, carers and the clinicians to whom they turn for help but which cannot be adequately answered by existing research evidence.

The project has reached a very important stage. Each participating organisation must consult with its membership or those for whom it works and ask them what areas of uncertainty relating to the treatment of urinary incontinence have affected them.

To make this as easy as possible the Working Partnership has devised a very short questionnaire which should be distributed as widely as possible by the participating organisations. General guidance notes about how the questionnaire might be distributed have also been developed. Both these documents are attached with this letter.

It is envisaged that many organisations will decide that the most effective way of distributing the questionnaire will be through use of electronic media and so electronic versions of the documents are available by contacting the JLA Working Partnership at lester@tanglewoodmanagement.co.uk

If you have any questions about the questionnaire or the distribution or data collection process, contact lester@tanglewoodmanagement.co.uk

Many thanks for your continued support of this very important project.

Lester Firkins
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