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Dear Doctor,

An important study to determine how best to integrate nurse practitioners into Ontario's health system is underway. The study will answer the following questions:

- What barriers must be overcome and what facilitators must be encouraged in order to further integrate NPs into a specific practice setting?
- What can be learned about the practice models in which NPs function - specifically which models do not work well and why and which models work best to support integration of NPs.

The results of this study will be used to inform decision-making on future implementation of nurse practitioners in Ontario. This study is funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and is being conducted in partnership with McMaster University. IBM Business Consulting Services are managing the study and completing the data gathering and data analysis required to answer the above questions. There is a data and confidentiality agreement in place between the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, McMaster University, and IBM Business Consulting Services. In addition, this study has received ethics approval.

The Steering Committee for the project includes representation from the Ontario College of Family Physicians and the Ontario Medical Association.

In order to complete this study we will be surveying a sample of physicians who work with nurse practitioners and a sample of physicians who do not work with nurse practitioners. **We are requesting that you complete the enclosed survey "A" for physicians who are currently or have in the past worked with a nurse practitioner and return it by March 21, 2003 using the stamped and addressed envelope.**

On receipt of your completed survey and providing your address on the survey, we will send you a cheque for \$ 100 in appreciation for the time you spent in providing us with your feedback.

If you have any questions please contact the project manager Kathy Winter at IBM Business Consulting Services at 416- 815-5200.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely

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Jan Kasperski, RN, MHSc, CHE
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Ted Boadway, M.D.
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