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Hello,

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and McMaster University are studying how best to add nurse practitioners to our health care system. The consulting group of IBM is conducting this study for the Ministry and McMaster University.

We would very much appreciate your help with this study. We would like to understand your views on nurse practitioners. You are being given this letter because you were seen by a nurse practitioner today.

If you are willing to help us, please: 1) complete the consent form provided in this package to show your agreement to take part in the study; and, 2) complete the survey that includes 14 questions about nurse practitioners. You don't have to sign your name to the survey.

Your answers will be kept totally confidential and none of your health care providers will see your responses to the questions.

You can return the completed survey and consent in two ways:

- 1) If you complete the consent form and survey before you leave the office today, you can put them in the attached envelope, seal it, and drop it into the survey box. Ask someone here to show you where the survey box is located.**
- 2) If you prefer to take the forms home to complete, you can mail the completed survey and consent form to us in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Please make sure you mail it back to us within one week of taking the survey home.**

Thank you for helping us with this important study. If you have questions please call:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Alba DiCenso".

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Gail Paech
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