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The Monitor Dental Practice Program

Participant Information Statement

Is non-invasive management of dental caries a cost-effective solution?

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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Title: Is non-invasive management of dental caries a cost-effective solution?

(1) What is the study about?

The object of the study is to assess the cost-effectiveness of a clearly structured preventive program within private dental practice. The program under review will be compared to the usual care of the participating dental practice.

(2) Who is carrying out the study?

The study is being conducted by Dr Bradley Curtis (Faculty of Dentistry, University of Sydney), and will form the basis for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Sydney, under the supervision of Associate Professor Wendell Evans (Head, Department of Community Oral Health and Epidemiology, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Sydney).

(3) What does the study involve?

Following a dental check-up (including x-rays), your risk level for future dental cavities will be assessed by your dentist. You will be RANDOMLY allocated to receive either the usual care provided by your dentist, or treatment by your dentist using the system under evaluation. You will not be told which group you have been assigned to and the differences in treatment may not be noticeable to you. We will assess the cost and benefit of each program in order to make recommendations for future practice guidelines.

In addition you will be asked to complete a short questionnaire at the commencement of the study, and an identical questionnaire at the completion of the study. These questionnaires typically require 15 minutes to complete.

(4) How much time will the study take?

We will be monitoring the condition of your teeth, during your scheduled dental visits, over a three (3) year period.

(5) Is my participation voluntary?

Yes, being in this study is completely voluntary - you are not under any obligation to consent, and you are free to withdraw your consent at any time. This will in no way prejudice your future relations with your Dentist.

(6) Will anyone else know the results?

All aspects of the study, including results, will be strictly confidential and only the researchers will have access to information on participants. A report of the study may be submitted for publication, but individual participants will not be identifiable in such a report.

(7) Will the study benefit me?

While we intend that this research to further dental knowledge, and may improve treatment in the future, it will not be of direct benefit to you.

(8) Can I tell other people about the study?

Yes, that is entirely up to you.

(9) What if I require further information?

When you have read this information, Dr Bradley Curtis will discuss it with you further and answer any questions you may have. If you would like to know more at any stage, please feel free to contact him directly on 0404010381 or bradc@health.usyd.edu.au

(10) What if I have a complaint or concerns?

When you have read this information, your dentist will discuss it with you further and answer any questions you may have. If you would like to know more at any stage, please feel free to contact Dr Curtis. This information statement is for you to keep.

Any person with concerns or complaints about the conduct of a research study can contact the Manager for Ethics Administration, University of Sydney on Ph: (02) 9351 4811 Fax: (02) 9036 9310

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