

**Subject line:**

Invitation to complete the concordance in IBD diagnosis and treatment study

**Body:**

Dear gastroenterology clinicians,

We are conducting a study to examine the variation in the diagnosis and treatment of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) to strengthen internationally collaborative research. We are surveying gastroenterology clinicians, asking them to diagnose 3 real-life cases and propose a treatment plan for each case.

The goal of this study is to examine if gastroenterology clinicians around the world will diagnose and treat IBD cases in a similar fashion.

Participation: To participate, we ask that you complete the online survey found here: [bit.ly/ExpertIBD-casestudy](http://bit.ly/ExpertIBD-casestudy)

Confidentiality: No personal identifiers will be collected. The information that you enter will be kept strictly confidential and will be stored in a secure database that is only accessible by the research team. By answering the questions in this survey you are providing your consent to use your responses for this study.

If there is a problem with the online survey, please contact Dr. Elie Al Kazzi ([ealkazz1@jhmi.edu](mailto:ealkazz1@jhmi.edu)) or call at: +1 (410) 502-0194.

We are dedicated to advancing the international collaborations in IBD and figuring out the risk factors that affect this disease. Please consider joining us.

Sincerely,

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**If you have any problem with the bit.ly link, you can access the survey on the following seeding URL:**

**<https://mrprbcw.hosts.jhmi.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=SUka4jVZqz>**