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Dear

The *Clostridium difficile* Life Table Study at Addenbrooke's Hospital:

A researcher from the Health Protection Agency has asked if you would be able to review a study that he is currently setting up, which is to determine whether Hospital Acquired *Clostridium difficile* infection is associated with shortened Life Expectancy.

The study will be conducted by reviewing the hospital notes of patients who have already been treated and discharged from Addenbrooke's Hospital and searching for registered deaths of the same study patients in the UK National Death Register, run by the UK government Office for National Statistics (see web link marked * below for more details).

In addition to this letter I am sending you

1. Notes summarising the key points about this research project.
2. A questionnaire for you to give structured feed back of your opinion about the proposed research project.
3. An invitation to attend a meeting and presentation on this study (given within the questionnaire).
4. An invitation for you to request further information, including the full study protocol (given within the questionnaire).

Thank you for considering this request and for your help.

Yours sincerely

Information Manager

*www.ons.gov.uk/about-statistics/classifications/international/icd-10/death-reg/index.html