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Dear General Practitioner,

Research Project: 2007 /000515
Determining health risks in older persons from extreme hot weather

The NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in Patient Safety, located within the Department of Epidemiology and Preventative Medicine at Monash University, is conducting a research project about heatwaves and the health implications for older people. The project has been commissioned by the Department of Human Services, Victoria.

The purpose of this research is to learn more about awareness, knowledge and practice of Victorian health professionals and carers with regard to the management of the elderly during extreme hot weather, in order to inform the development of a State Wide Heatwave Plan.

Monash University are inviting you to be involved in this project, in your capacity as a health professional involved in the care of people aged 65 years and over, by completing a survey.

Please find attached an Explanatory Statement that describes in more detail what this research project involves. Please note that all survey responses are anonymous since email addresses will not be attached to survey responses.

If you would like to participate in this project, could you please complete the Heatwave Survey which can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=IefKaXPQE1l1WjlRIVJ7GA_3d_3d>

Thank you for your time,

Yours Sincerely,

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