**ABC Study – Survey Participant Information Sheet**

(Version 2, 21-11-25)

**Barriers and facilitators related to the use of Antibiotic prophylaxis before Cystoscopy (ABC)**

**Chief Investigator: Dr Steven MacLennan**

You are being invited to take part in the ABC research study about the use of Antibiotics in patients receiving Cystoscopy. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully. Talk to others about the study if you wish. Take time to decide whether you wish to take part. Please contact Jennifer (researcher) on jennifer.dunsmore@abdn.ac.uk if you have any questions or if you require more information. Thank you.

**What is the purpose of the study?**

This study aims to learn more about the use of **A**ntibiotic prophylaxis **b**efore **C**ystoscopy (ABC) across Europe. The use of Antibiotic prophylaxis before cystoscopy has been shown to have little or no clinical effect and, in accordance with the European Association of Urology clinical guidelines, should not be offered. Despite this evidence, recent research suggests that antibiotics prior to cystoscopy continue to be used in Europe.

Evidence-practice gaps hamper the provision of high-quality healthcare for patients. These gaps can be addressed through the development of behaviour change strategies to influence healthcare professional behaviour to reduce the use of antibiotics. To ensure that strategies are relevant and evidence-based, it is essential to identify influential determinants (i.e. barriers and facilitators) that impact the use of Antibiotic prophylaxis before cystoscopy.

**Why have I been chosen?**

We are inviting Urologists, across Europe, who are involved in delivering cystoscopies. We hope to recruit around 100 urologists to the survey.

**Do I have to take part?**

No. It is up to you to decide whether to take part. If you do decide to take part, please save this information sheet and follow the link below to the survey. You are still free to withdraw at any time, without giving a reason.

**What will happen to me if I take part?**

Participation involves completing an online survey lasting approximately 10-15 minutes and one optional ~45 minute online interview. Before the survey, you will be asked to give your consent. The survey collects data around the influences on the use Antibiotic prophylaxis before cystoscopy and limited demographic information, only your job role, tenure, type of hospital and country of practice are collected. All survey responses are anonymous.

At the end of the survey, you will be invited to provide your contact email address to arrange a follow-up online MS Teams interview with a researcher to further explore the use of Antibiotic prophylaxis before cystoscopy. The interview will be at a time convenient to you and will last approximately 45 minutes. More information about the interview is offered at the end of the survey. Please note, your contact details are stored separately from survey data.

Additionally, if you wish, you can receive a notification of preliminary results and/or indicate your interest to participate in future ethically approved studies. These preferences will be collected at the end of the survey. For these purposes, your identifiable contact information will be kept after the end of this study, held in accordance with the UK Data Protection Laws. Personal contact information can be deleted on request.

**What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?**

Apart from volunteering your time to this project, there are no disadvantages of taking part in this study.

**What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

No direct benefits.

**What if there is a problem?**

At any time during the study, if you have a complaint or a concern you may contact the researcher or Chief Investigator via the contact details below. If you remain unhappy and wish to complain formally please contact researchgovernance@abdn.ac.uk.

**Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?**

If you consent to take part in the research, your participation will be kept strictly confidential. Anonymised study data is stored on password protected secure University of Aberdeen server.

University of Aberdeen is the sponsor for this study based in the United Kingdom. We will be using information from you to undertake this study and will act as the data controller for this study. This means that we are responsible for looking after your information and using it properly. University of Aberdeen will keep study data generated by you for 10 years after the study has finished.

You can find out more about how we use your information here: http://www.abdn.ac.uk/privacy

Where relevant, the University of Aberdeen and collaborators will use your name and contact details to contact you about the research study and to oversee the quality of the study. Individuals from University of Aberdeen and regulatory organisations may look at your research records to check the accuracy of the research study. The only people in University of Aberdeen and collaborators will have access to information that identifies you will be people who need to contact you to conduct interviews (where relevant) or audit the data collection process for this study.

**How do I withdraw?**

Should you wish to withdraw prior to data collection, please close the survey. Should you wish to withdraw during the survey please close the survey, please note that survey data collected up to that point may be retained. As the survey is anonymous, following the completion of survey data collection withdrawing will not be possible, as we are unable to identify your response. You do not have to provide a reason for withdrawing at any time.

If you have provided contact details for the notification of results and/or a follow up interview and wish to have these removed, please contact the researcher.

**What will happen to the results of the research study?**

These results will help researchers understand influential determinants (i.e. barriers and facilitators) that impact the use of Antibiotic prophylaxis before cystoscopy. We will only use anonymised data in publications or presentations.

**Who is organising and funding the research?**

The study is sponsored by the University of Aberdeen, run by the Academic Urology Unit at the University of Aberdeen and funded by the European Association of Urology.

**Who has reviewed the study?**

This study has been reviewed by the University of Aberdeen School of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition Ethics Review Board (SERB). Reference number: 9736179

**Contact for Further Information**

Should you have any questions about the study or taking part, please feel free to contact Dr Jennifer Dunsmore, Researcher on jennifer.dunsmore@abdn.ac.uk or the Chief investigator, Dr Steven MacLennan at steven.maclennan@abdn.ac.uk

Thank you.

Researcher: Dr Jennifer Dunsmore

Academic Urology Unit
University of Aberdeen
Health Science Building
Foresterhill
Aberdeen
AB25 2ZD
Scotland
Email: jennifer.dunsmore@abdn.ac.uk

Chief Investigator: Dr Steven MacLennan

Academic Urology Unit
University of Aberdeen
Health Science Building
Foresterhill
Aberdeen
AB25 2ZD
Scotland
Email: steven.maclennan@abdn.ac.uk
Tel: 01224 438123