

Message in E-mail

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Topic: Academic survey on PCT use

Dear colleague,

I am a PhD student in the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio, Finland and I am preparing my thesis on the clinical use of an inflammatory biomarker procalcitonin (PCT). It is an interesting topic as the use of PCT has not been established.

The aim of **this survey** "Use and feasibility of PCT in neonatology and paediatrics – an international survey" is to enhance our knowledge on the global use of PCT in neonatal and paediatric infectious diseases.

This survey does not require an ethics committee approval in Finland (confirmed by the Research Ethics Committee of the Northern Savo Hospital District, no. 849/2020, April 21, 2020). Copies of the study protocol can be attained from myself (Benita Tujula) or the Principle Investigator Merja Kokki via email.

Answering takes about **five to ten minutes**. This survey is voluntary, and all responses are confidential. Any information you provided will not be identifiable. We hope you are willing to answer the survey whether or not you are familiar with PCT use. We look forward to your answers by **January 17, 2020**. Your answers will be solely used for gaining information on the current state of PCT in neonatology and paediatrics. The researchers do not have commercial conflict of interest.

You can continue to survey via this link: <https://q.surveypal.com/PCT-questionnaire-international---final-OeMv0na1G4-QFaeS>

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or comments.

We truly appreciate your time and effort!

With kind regards,

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