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INFORMATION LETTER

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Title of Research Study: Pediatric Integrative Medicine Research Agenda Survey

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Background: According to the 2007 NHIS Child Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Survey, CAM use is common among pediatric patients and one fifth of children with chronic health problems use some type of CAM. CAM is generally described as those therapies and practices that exist outside of the conventional medical system for which there is some high-quality evidence of safety and effectiveness. Integrative medicine combines treatments from conventional medicine and CAM. In an effort to advance pediatric CAM as a field, researchers in pediatric CAM proposed a research agenda in 1999. This agenda was updated in 2010. The present study is to expand on this research agenda integrating input and set forth an integrated research agenda across clinical, health services and policy research areas.

Purpose: You are being asked to participate in a research study that will develop a plan for future research activities in the field of pediatric CAM/IM, including clinical, health services, and policy research. You are being asked to participate as we would like to involve as many people as possible from various backgrounds that are interested in pediatric CAM/IM.

Procedures: Participating in this study will involve completing an online questionnaire. The questionnaire takes about 15 minutes to complete.

Possible benefits: By participating in this survey you are contributing information that will be used to establish research priorities regarding the effective integration of conventional and complementary medicine in order to promote the health of children.

Possible risks: There are no known risks to participating in this study.

Confidentiality: The survey will be anonymous. Completing the questionnaire involves completing an online form which contains no names or other personally identifying information. It will not be possible to link your survey responses back to your personally identifying information in any way.

Voluntary participation: Completion of this survey is voluntary. Submission of this online survey implies your consent to participate. Not participating in the survey will not affect your relationship with the participating networks or organizations in any way.

Contact names and telephone numbers: If you have any concerns about any aspects of this study, contact the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative at cahmi@ohsu.edu or (503) 494-1930. To contact study investigators, phone or email the individuals listed on the sidebar.

Please return to the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8VT2XK8> to add your vision and voice to a health services research agenda to integrate pediatric conventional and complementary & alternative care.

Thank you for your contribution to this work.
Sincerely yours,

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