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Bicyclists' Injuries and the Cycling Environment (The BICE Study)

I am writing to ask for your help with a research study about cycling injuries. We are trying to understand what bicycling route characteristics make cycling safer or more dangerous. We hope the study results will influence urban planning and bicycle facility design over the next decade.

This research study is a joint venture of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver General Hospital, and St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, and the University of Toronto, St. Michael's Hospital, and the University Health Network in Toronto.

How were you selected for this study?

You are being approached to consider participating in this study because you were injured while cycling and attended the Emergency Department of St. Michael's Hospital for treatment of your injuries. Approximately 600 injured cyclists will take part in the study, about one-quarter from each hospital.

What will you need to do to participate?

To conduct this research, we will interview you about your cycling experience, and about the trip on which you were injured. The interview will take less than an hour. It will be conducted at a time and place that is convenient to you.

Is your participation voluntary and how will your consent to participate be requested?

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. This is described in more detail in the attached consent form. Our study coordinator, Lee Vernich, will telephone you in the next week or so. She will check to confirm that you are eligible, and ask if you are willing to participate. If you are willing, an interview appointment will be set up, and at the interview, you will be asked to sign the consent form.

How can you contact us?

If you have any questions or concerns about this study, or if you do not wish to be called, please feel free to contact me at 416-864-6048, cusimanom@smh.toronto.on.ca, or via the address on this letterhead. You may also contact our study coordinator, Lee Vernich, at 416 978-2966 or email lee.vernich@utoronto.ca.

If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may call Dr. Julie Spence, Chair of the St. Michael's Hospital Research Ethics Board, at (416) 864-6060 ext 2557, during regular business hours.

Yours sincerely

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