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

We are writing to ask for your help with a 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.

The 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 were selected because you were injured while cycling and attended the emergency department of University Health Network for treatment of your injuries. 600 injured cyclists will take part in the study.

### *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 our study coordinator, Lee Vernich, at 416 978-2966 or email [lee.vernich@utoronto.ca](mailto:lee.vernich@utoronto.ca).

If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, please call Dr. R. Heselgrave, Chair of the University Health Network Research Ethics Board at (416) 340-4557. This person is not involved with the research project in any way and calling him will not affect your participation in the study.

Yours sincerely

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