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Greetings,

We wish to inform you about an exciting study currently underway and to ask you for your participation.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and McMaster University have retained IBM Business Consulting Services to conduct a study of the Integration of Nurse Practitioners across a variety of practice settings in Ontario. The primary focus of the study will be to “determine how best to integrate nurse practitioners into Ontario’s health care system and specifically into various settings”<sup>1</sup>. The results of this study will be used to inform decision-making on future implementation of nurse practitioners in Ontario.

A key part of this study will be a survey of all RN(EC)s in the province. The survey will provide the Ministry with important information on:

- How nurse practitioners are functioning in various practice settings;
- What are the barriers and facilitators to integration of nurse practitioners in these settings; and
- How satisfied are nurse practitioners in these settings

We urge you to participate in this survey. Your opinion is valuable.

Please be assured that your responses to the survey will be confidential. All survey findings will be reported in aggregated form only. The survey will be returned to IBM Business Consulting Services Survey Centre in Ottawa who will be responsible for analysis of the results. All information arising from the survey will only be used for the purposes of this study.

As an added incentive, along with your completed survey, you may wish to complete the voucher at the end of the survey for entry into a draw. Ten one-year subscriptions to a nursing journal of your choice will be awarded. Your name and telephone number will only be used to enter you into the draw and contact you if you win.

Once again, we urge you to participate in this important project. Your opinions may help in furthering the nurse practitioner role, which may be of benefit to you, as well as to those nurse practitioners who follow in your footsteps.

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<sup>1</sup> Draft Nurse Practitioner Evaluation Steering Committee Terms of Reference, June 26, 2002

Please return the survey using the stamped and addressed envelope by October 30, 2002.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the following individuals:

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Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey. We appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely,



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