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Dear Sir/Madam,

Global Pulse Oximetry Project pilot study - Call for study participants

The World Health Organization's (WHO) Safe Surgery Saves Lives programme (SSSL), would like to announce the launch of an international pilot study, focused on evaluating the introduction of pulse oximetry, during surgery, to hospitals that do not presently have adequate access to this essential monitoring device.

The purpose of this study – the Global Pulse Oximetry Project pilot study – is to examine the effects of pulse oximetry in settings where its use is currently limited. As part of the study, WHO will provide support in the implementation of the WHO Surgical Safety Checklist, provide access to pulse oximeters and will offer training to anaesthesia providers in the use of pulse oximeters. WHO will also work with participating hospitals to measure the effects of its use on the safety of surgical care.

If your hospital or any other hospital in your country does not have adequate access to pulse oximetry during surgery and you would like to be considered for participation in this pilot study please complete the following two steps:

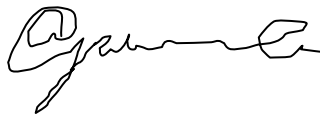
1. Complete and return the “Global Pulse Oximetry Project: Pilot Site Application” found in the below link:
http://www.who.int/patientsafety/safesurgery/pulse_oximetry/global_pulse_oximetry_pilot_site_application_form.pdf
2. Send us a copy of your curriculum vitae (or that of the principle investigator)

The deadline for receiving the completed application form is **15 May, 2009**. It can be e-mailed, mailed, or faxed according to the information provided on the "Pilot Site Application" form. Approximately 6-8 pilot site institutions will ultimately be chosen to participate in the study.

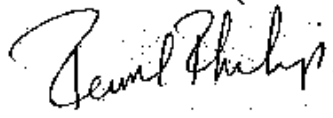
We appreciate your interest and look forward to your feedback. For more information on the Global Pulse Oximetry Project, please visit:

http://www.who.int/patientsafety/safesurgery/pulse_oximetry/en/index.html

Yours faithfully,



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