

Aspects of Balance Priority Setting Partnership

The British Association of Otorhinolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (ENT.UK), in partnership with the James Lind Alliance (JLA), have set up this Priority Setting Partnership (PSP) to identify uncertainties about the treatment of balance disorders that are important to patients and clinicians, and then to work with patients and clinicians to prioritise them for research. Full details of the PSP are given in the Protocol, which is available on request from Lester Firkins, James Lind Alliance lesterfirkins@mac.com

How can I get involved?

If you would like to participate in the programme, please complete the following short survey and give us details of all the uncertainties that you (or your organisation) wish to be entered into the prioritisation process.

If you wish to complete the form by hand, please print, complete and post this document to Jo White, ENT UK, The Royal College of Surgeons of England, London WC2A 3PE. You may complete the form electronically, in which case please use the online survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TQ5DTZK> or Word document provided. When completed, please email the form to Jo White at ENT UK, jo@entuk.org Telephone: 020 7611 1734
The closing date for submission of uncertainties is 1st October 2010.

Contacts

For further information, or if you have any concerns or comments about this process, please contact Jo White at ENT UK, jo@entuk.org Telephone: 020 76111734

Why get involved?

Do you have an unanswered question or an uncertainty about the treatment of balance disorders? Do you think that answering that question through research will help to improve the lives of people with balance disorders? This is your chance to make your views known.

To help you, here are some examples of unanswered questions about other health problems:

- Are breathing exercises helpful in controlling asthma?
- What is the evidence for gargling aspirin to relieve a sore throat?
- How safe is it for my baby if I am breastfeeding and taking antidepressant medication?
- Is monochloroacetic acid more effective for the treatment of warts than liquid nitrogen?

Get involved by completing the following sections:

What question(s) about the treatments for balance disorders would you like to see answered by research? (You can submit as many or as few as you like.)

1.

2.

3.

4.

If you wish to submit more than four unanswered questions, please continue on a separate page.

Consent

As part of this research process, we may publish the question(s) you have identified in the UK Database of Uncertainties about the Effects of Treatments (UK DUETs). Your name or the name of your organisation will **NOT** be published in association with the question(s). Do we have your permission to publish the question(s)? (Please tick one box)

Yes

No

Some questions about you

It would be really helpful for our research to know a little more about you, so we would be grateful if you could answer the questions in this section. However, if you would prefer not to, then just leave it blank.

Which of these best describes you? (Please tick all that apply)

- I am a person with a balance disorder
- I am a carer or relative of someone with a balance disorder
- I am the parent of a child aged under 16 who has a balance disorder
- I am a health professional based in primary care
- I am a health professional based in secondary care
- I am part of an organisation representing people with balance disorders
- other – please describe

You only need to answer this question if you are answering as a clinician or healthcare professional. (Please tick ONE box)

In which area do you primarily work?

- Paediatric setting
- Adult setting
- Both paediatric and adult settings
- Other
- Not applicable

You only need to answer these questions if you are a person with a balance disorder, or if you are the parent, relative or carer of a person with a balance disorder.

These details will NOT be published in association with your response or linked in any way to the UK DUETs database.

What is your (or the person with a balance disorder) age?

- 0-9
- 10-19
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60 or over
- Prefer not to say

At what age were you (or the person with a balance disorder) diagnosed?

- 0-9
- 10-19
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60 or over

Prefer not to say

Gender: are you (or the person with a balance disorder)...

Female

Male

Prefer not to say

Ethnic group: are you (or the person with a balance disorder)...

White

Black

Asian

Mixed race

Chinese or other ethnic group

Prefer not to say

Next steps

Would you like more information about the next stage of the project, where the research questions will be prioritised?

Yes

No

If you answered 'yes', please supply your contact details.

Contact details

Your contact details will be kept confidential and securely, in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

What is your preferred method of contact?

Email

Post

Thank you for your invaluable time in completing this survey

Please return this form to Jo White:

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or

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