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ENT- Aspects of Balance Priority Setting Partnership

Dear Colleague

The British Society for Academic Otolaryngology (BSAO), in partnership with the James Lind Alliance (JLA), and supported by ENT UK and members of several other professional organisations, have set up a Priority Setting Partnership (PSP). The James Lind Alliance is funded by NIHR and MRC to support, in a practical but focussed way, the partnership between patients and clinicians on priority setting. <http://www.lindalliance.org/>

This partnership between clinicians and patients aims to identify unanswered questions about the treatment of balance disorders – questions from the perspective of *both* patients *and* clinicians - and then prioritise those that both groups agree are the most important.

You are invited to take part in this process and to contribute to identifying, and deciding the most important, research questions for the treatment of balance disorders. We think that it is vital that more research is done in this area, and that this research focuses on the questions that are most important to people who suffer from balance disorders, their carers and relatives and the health professionals who treat them.

If you would like to participate in this study, please complete the attached survey which is designed to collect “treatment uncertainties” from a wide range of individuals and organisations. 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

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We are sure you will appreciate the need for a deadline and so the closing date for submission of uncertainties is **Friday 1st October 2010.**

If you would like any 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 7611 1734.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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*Professor Linda Luxon
Professor of Audiovestibular Medicine
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