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Good afternoon,

We are writing to ask for your help in an international study exploring the factors that influence the initiation of invasive long-term ventilation (LTV) as an example of technology dependence. We are asking all clinical professionals (e.g. medical doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, dieticians, pharmacists, respiratory therapists and members of the MDTs) with experience of working with children initiated on LTV to participate. This study is important as it aims to identify the greatest influences on the initiation of invasive LTV and to explore the meaning of this in the context of contrasting health, legal, economic and political systems.

A review of the literature and analysis of interviews with multi-professional clinicians working with children on LTV internationally, suggests several factors that may influence the initiation of invasive LTV. The scenarios provided in this survey aim to explore these factors further.

We request you respond as an individual (i.e. not at an institutional level). Participation is voluntary and if you chose to take part your answers will be completely confidential and you will not be identified from this questionnaire. Your views on this topic would be very helpful and by responding you will increase the accuracy of the survey results. Completion of the questionnaire should take approximately 10-15 minutes.

If you choose to click on the link/scan the QR code below you will be brought to the survey which will include an introduction, downloadable participation information leaflet and consent form followed by the survey.

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We really appreciate your interest in this study. If you have any questions about your participation, please contact Prof Maria Brenner (PI) at [brennerm@tcd.ie](mailto:brennerm@tcd.ie) or our TechChild Project Manager, Dr. Mary Quirke at [quirkemb@tcd.ie](mailto:quirkemb@tcd.ie) We would also be very grateful if you could forward this email to colleagues who might also be interested in taking part.

Yours sincerely,

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