Research Help Needed

• Students & faculty at Florida Gulf Coast University, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences request your assistance in completing a practice survey on screening for stress urinary incontinence (SUI) by Florida physical therapists.

• If you are a PT licensed and practicing in Florida, and you work with a patient population that includes adult females (ages 18 and older), please consider sharing your opinions by accessing this anonymous survey using this link: https://survey.fgcu.edu/Survey.aspx?s=0fdd397439794d329011dd901379b353

• The survey should take approximately 15 minutes for completion. Results will be used to complete our independent research requirement for graduation, and to identify barriers to SUI screening within clinical practice as a step towards improving access and quality of care.

• This research has been approved by Florida Gulf Coast University’s Institutional Review Board (#S2016-71) and is being conducted by Scarlett Balboa, SPT and Merryn Mathew, SPT under the supervision of Drs. Rose Pignataro and Jacqueline van Duijn.

• For further information or comments, please contact Dr. Rose Pignataro: rpignataro@fgcu.edu; 239-745-4312
"We are conducting a research study about physical therapists screening practices for stress urinary incontinence (SUI) and are looking for your input even if you are not a women’s health specialist!

SUI is a prevalent issue that is often left untreated. This may be related to knowledge and perceptions of physical therapists, as well as possible barriers within the clinical environment. Urinary incontinence has been linked with multiple impairments. A low percentage of patients with incontinence will mention it to their primary healthcare provider without prompting, and many primary health care providers do not regularly perform screening for SUI. Physical therapists are in a good position to screen for and treat stress urinary incontinence in patients when deemed appropriate.

As a participant in the survey, you would be asked to answer questions about your demographics and screening practices for SUI. We are looking for physical therapists licensed and currently working in Florida, who work with a patient population that includes adult female patients (18 and older). The survey will take about 15 minutes and can be completed online. If you are interested in participating, please take one of the flyers that are being distributed. You can use the link that is listed on the flyer to access the informed consent and survey directly. We are happy to answer any questions you may have about the study. You can see us after the meeting, or speak with our supervising faculty members, Dr. Jacqueline van Duijn and Dr. Rose Pignataro.

Thank you very much for your time and attention."