Living & Working in Primary Care during COVID-19
Information Sheet

We warmly invite you to participate in this research study being conducted by Dr. Jessica Clifton and Dr. Benjamin Littenberg with the Larner College of Medicine at the University of Vermont. This study will help us understand how health care professionals working in Primary Care are being impacted by the current crisis.

The survey takes less than 5 minutes. Your responses are confidential and will not be reported to anyone in a way that could identify you individually.

This is a dynamic weekly survey. You can choose to complete this survey once, but please consider coming back in the weeks to come. The survey items will change every week to help answer the most pressing questions.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the study, please contact us at 802-656-4560, email us at healthcare.covid19@med.uvm.edu, or use the contact box at the end of the survey.

Thank you for your time and valuable insights and for all the good you do every day!

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Study Procedures: If you agree to take part in this study, you will be asked to complete a 5-minute online survey. After completing the brief survey, you will be asked about your willingness to complete future surveys. Invitations to participate will be distributed on a weekly basis over the next three years.

Risks: There are minimal risks associated with this research study. Although the risk of an accidental breach of confidentiality is always a possibility, we will do everything in our power to protect your privacy.

Benefits: As a participant in this research study, there may not be any direct benefit for you; however, information from this study may benefit other healthcare professionals in the future. You will also have the opportunity to serve as a stakeholder in this study. Specifically, at the end of the survey you will have the opportunity to share with the research team what questions you want answered about your colleague's experiences during this crisis.

We will be providing summary findings on our study invitations and website: http://go.uvm.edu/primarycare

If you would like a more detailed summary of the findings that are more central to your concerns (e.g., state-specific rates of burnout), please feel free to reach out to the investigators (contact information below). All
data will be aggregated and summarized to protect confidentiality and privacy. No individual level data will be shared.

**Participation/Withdrawal/Compensation:** You are being asked to participate because you work in primary care. Taking part in this study is voluntary. There are no costs to you for participation in this study. You may choose not to take part in this study, or if you decide to take part, you can change your mind later and withdraw from the study. You can be withdrawn from the study by the investigator without your consent.

**Costs:** There will be no costs to you for participation in this research study.

**Compensation:** You will not receive payment for participation in this study.

**Confidentiality:** All data files will be maintained in a secure environment with access restricted to members of the research personnel who need access. Digital material will be secured in password-protected files behind industry standard firewalls. Data that must be transported across the web will be encrypted. The security of your information will be maintained by the research team. The results of this study may eventually be published, and information may be exchanged between medical investigators, but participant confidentiality will be maintained. Individual-level data will not be shared outside of the research team, including email addresses.

**Contact Information:** You may contact Principal Investigators Dr. Clifton or Dr. Littenberg for more information about this study (see contact information below). If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in a research project or for more information on how to proceed should you believe that you have been injured as a result of your participation in this study, you should contact the Director of the Research Protections Office at the University of Vermont at 802-656-5040.

It is recommended you print this information sheet for your records before continuing.

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