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Dear Doctor,

 Re: Understanding Cauda Equina Syndrome

Patient Details

The above patient has kindly agreed to take part in a research project entitled: Understanding Cauda Equina Syndrome. This is an observational study of all patients presenting with Cauda Equina Syndrome. The study was given a favourable opinion by the South East Scotland Research Ethics Committee (REC Reference18/SS/0047) and is being conducted by Miss Julie Woodfield, Clinical Lecturer at the University of Edinburgh in conjunction with the British Neurosurgical Trainee Research Collaborative, The British Orthopaedic Trainees Association and the British Association of Spine Surgeons.

The purpose of the study is to investigate the presentation, management and outcome of patients affected by Cauda Equina Syndrome. Participants will complete four questionnaires over the year after their admission with Cauda Equina Syndrome. This is an observational study and no changes to clinical care will occur.

A copy of the participant information sheet is enclosed for your information. Should you have any questions regarding this study, please do not hesitate to contact the chief investigator by email (julie.woodfield@nhs.net) or by phone on 0131 537 1000.

Yours sincerely,

*\*\*Local PI Details\*\**