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[GP Address]

**INFORMATION REGARDING INCLUSION OF YOUR  
PATIENT IN A CLINICAL STUDY**

***Study Title: Adjuvant Steroids in Adults with Pandemic Influenza (ASAP)***

Dear Dr [GP name],

Patient's name:	DoB:
NHS Number:	
Address:	
Postcode:	

The above patient who is registered under your care was recently admitted to hospital and agreed to participate in the ASAP clinical study. This is a multicentre randomised controlled clinical trial investigating whether corticosteroids (dexamethasone 6 mg once daily for 5 days) given to adults (aged 16 years and over) within 24 hours of admission to hospital with an influenza-like illness in addition to standard treatment are beneficial. (Dexamethasone 6 mg is equivalent to Prednisolone 40 mg)

If your patient is discharged from hospital within 5 days of admission they will be given their study medication (dexamethasone/placebo) to continue at home. Your patient has been advised to contact a doctor if they experience any problems with the medicine.

We will follow-up your patient to find out how they are and send them a follow-up questionnaire to complete one month after they are discharged from hospital. Your patient will remain in the study until we have received this information. If following hospital discharge, you become aware any information regarding your patient's health status that may be relevant to the trial or if you have any queries about this research, please contact your patient's research team using the contact details below.

Yours sincerely

**ASAP RESEARCH TEAM CONTACT DETAILS**

[insert contact details here]

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