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To all global Naturopaths and Naturopathic Doctors/Physicians:

The world needs you more than ever before to help provide supportive care during the COVID-19 crisis. An element of this urgency is the need for more information regarding naturopathic practices, contributions to public health, unique contributions to patient/client care, and case outcomes.

To assist with this need, naturopathic investigators from Australia, Canada and the United States have established a “COVID-19 Naturopathic Support Clinical Registry” to facilitate the recording of critical case details. This registry can be completely anonymous without required reference to you or your practice, and does not collect any protected health information (PHI) regarding patients/clients.

The distribution of this registry is approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of the National University of Natural Medicine. The registry has the support of the World Naturopathic Federation and the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians. Investigators from the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine (CCNM); the University of Sydney (USyd); the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS); and the National University of Natural Medicine (NUNM) have contributed to its creation.

Please assist the global naturopathic profession by contributing to this case registry.

Registry entries can be submitted here:

<https://redcap.nunm.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=YXELDDCEEF>

A brief FAQ page follows this letter.

If you have any additional questions, please email Ryan Bradley, ND, MPH at: rbradley@nunm.edu

Thank you for your contributions.

Sincerely,

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Director of Research



FAQ regarding the “COVID-19 Naturopathy Support Clinical Registry”

1. Will my entry be linked back to me or my practice?

The registry provides the option of including your contact information so that the investigators can contact you for more information about the case, including its outcome. However, this entry is completely voluntary.

2. Will the registry collect any Protected Health Information (PHI)?

No. No PHI is included and the data collection platform is completely HIPAA compliant.

3. Can I enter more than one patient/client per record?

In order to record accurate outcomes for each case, ideally each case would be entered in an individual record. However, if **identical** care and **identical** outcomes are observed for multiple patients, it allows for the number of cases to be entered.

4. Can I return to my registry entries?

Yes. Upon submission of a record, a “Survey Access Code” is provided. We strongly recommend you store this code in your patient/client record so you can return to the registry and update content as needed.

5. Can I print or otherwise access my entries?

Yes. Upon submission of a record, you can generate a PDF that includes your entries for your records.

6. I’m hesitant to report adverse treatment experiences or observations. Why should I do so?

It is very important for the community to learn about potentially adverse treatment outcomes. This is as critical as learning about favorable treatment outcomes. Your entry will not be linked to you or your practice unless you provide your contact information.

7. I’m hesitant to describe my practice because I practice in a pre-licensed or unregistered jurisdiction. Why should I do so?

The registry only collects practice data at the country level, therefore it is impossible to determine the licensure status unless when regulated at the country level. As above, your entry will not be linked to you or your practice unless you provide your contact information.

8. How will this information be used?

The information will be used to: 1. Determine characteristics of care, 2. Report contributions by naturopaths to COVID-19 management and risk reduction, and 3. Provide data for the generation of hypotheses regarding both promising and potentially harmful treatments and protocols. These goals can only be accomplished with broad participation. These data may be published and may be used in advocacy work to promote the contributions of naturopathy globally.