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Dear Rustam

Scottish Intracranial Vascular Malformation Study (SIVMS)

Following our recent discussions about the SIVMS study, I wanted to express on behalf of The Stroke Association our support for this disease register as both a valuable clinical audit and research project.

The Stroke Association understands the issues surrounding the current legislative position in Scotland which requires informed consent for both observational and interventional studies. We therefore take on your suggestion for a potential survey to investigate patient and carers views on observational audits and research being carried out without their consent by researchers. This could help to inform regulators in the way the survey of the British public on the National Cancer Registry has informed other regulatory debates and decisions.

Thank you for bringing these issues to the attention of The Stroke Association.

Yours sincerely,



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