

## Letter of Solicitation and Implied Consent

Dear Healthcare Provider,

My name is Kathleen Lovey. I am a doctoral student at Seton Hall University's School of Interprofessional Health Sciences and Health Administration. I am conducting a research study as part of my dissertation.

### What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of the dissertation study is to explore behavioral factors that influence if healthcare providers assess patients for binge eating disorder. The behavioral factors are knowledge and skills, saliency, intention, environmental constraints, and habit. The study will also find out if there are differences between primary care healthcare providers and specialty care healthcare providers for these behavioral factors. This study will try to bridge a gap in the literature and add to the body of knowledge. **Please note you do not need to have assessed for or treated patients with eating disorders or binge eating disorder to complete this survey.** Your responses are very important, and all questions include a neutral response.

### What is the study procedure?

The study involves the completion of an electronic survey. Please complete the survey if you fit the study requirements. The requirements include being a physician (e.g., M.D. or D.O.), a psychologist, an advanced nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant. You must also have a current license and certification, if required, to practice in your profession in the United States. The link below will connect you to the survey instrument. There is also a brief demographic questionnaire. This questionnaire will gather information related to your age, gender, race/ethnicity, years in practice, and the state(s) you practice in. Please complete all questions. This study will use a recruitment technique known as chain referral or snowball sampling. This means **you may forward this survey** to anyone you think meets the requirements previously mentioned. The attached link is **not unique** to you. They may then complete the survey, even if you choose not to, and this allows the survey to reach a greater audience. It should take about 10-15 minutes to complete the survey. However, you may take longer if you wish to complete the survey.

### Is participation voluntary?

Participation in this survey is entirely voluntary. You may decide not to take part at any time. If you choose not to take part, there is no penalty. **Clicking on this link or scanning the QR code below signifies your consent to take part in this study.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BFIA-BED>



A paper copy of this survey is also available. If you do not have access to a paper copy, you may request one from the Principal Investigator by email (kathleen.lovey@student.shu.edu). **Your request for a paper copy of the survey signifies your consent to take part in this study.**

**Is the survey anonymous?**

Yes, the survey is anonymous. Information about participants including name, any affiliation (including URL address) will not be captured. The information collected is general demographic data. There will be no records naming you, specifically. There is no way to contact you or link your responses to you or those of anyone you forward the survey to.

All data from this study is **confidential**. The principal investigator, Kathleen Lovey, will store all data on a password-protected USB device in her office. The principal investigator is the only person with access to this data. The principal investigator will store the data for three years and then destroy it. As there is with anything online, there is a risk (although remote) of hacking.

**Is there a risk to taking part?**

There is no foreseeable risk in completing this survey.

**Is there a benefit to taking part?**

There are no proposed benefits to taking part in this research. Results of this research will give healthcare leaders information regarding behavioral factors that influence if a physician will assess for binge eating disorder.

**Is there compensation?**

There is no compensation for participation in this research study.

**Are there alternate procedures?**

There are no alternative ways to take part in this study.

**Can I ask for further information?**

You have the right to ask any questions at any time. If you have any questions about this study, please contact the principal investigator, Kathleen Lovey through the office of Dr. Deborah DeLuca at Seton Hall University School of Interprofessional Health Sciences and Health Administration at 973-275-2842 or at Deborah.Deluca@shu.edu. In addition, you may contact Dr. LaFontaine in the office of the Institutional Review Board at (973) 313-6314. You may send questions about the survey and ask for the correct answers to the knowledge questions.

Thank you for your time and consideration!