



**APPENDIX 5**  
**LETTER OF INFORMATION / CONSENT for survey**  
**Health Numeracy: from theory to practice**

***Invitation to participate in a survey for a research project entitled: Improving Health Numeracy in Health Science Students and Professionals Through an Online Instrument***

Dear colleague

You are invited to take part in an on-line survey which we will be gathering feedback on a conceptualization of health numeracy that has been developed as part of a research project entitled “*Improving Health Numeracy in Health Science Students and Professionals Through an Online Instrument*” and funded by SSHRC. This study is lead by professors Taras Gula (George Brown College) and Miroslav Lovric (McMaster University). The data will be collected anonymously, and will be used to help us revise and refine our conceptualization so that we can help students and others improve their health numeracy through an on line learning tool.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

**What choice do I have?**

Participation is **entirely voluntary**. If you decide to participate, you may withdraw from the project at any time during the survey without giving a reason. *Once* you have submitted your responses for this anonymous survey your answers will be put into a database and will not be identifiable to us. This means that once you have submitted your survey, your responses cannot be withdrawn from the study because I (we) will not be able to identify which responses are yours.

How will the information collected be used?

The results will help us refine the conceptualization and the final conceptualization will be used to help us develop learning content that will aim to improve health numeracy in health sciences students and health professionals.

**What do I need to do to participate?**

Please read this Information Letter and be sure you understand its contents before you consent to participate. If there is anything you do not understand, or you have any questions, please contact the Principal Investigator at [tgula@georgebrown.ca](mailto:tgula@georgebrown.ca).

If you would like to participate, please click the consent button and you will be taken to the survey. Thank you for considering this invitation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Taras Gula".

Signature of P.I.

DATE: October 17, 2016

This project has been approved by the George Brown College Research Ethics Board, Approval No. [6004309]