

Hello,

We would like to invite you to participate in a short survey on **the use of cricoid pressure**. *Do you use it? Do you not use it? Do you know what it is? Do you know how to apply it?* Whether your answers to any of these questions are yes, no, or something in between, we are interested in hearing from you.

This project is being conducted by Caitlin Hutchings (student at Memorial University, Faculty of Medicine), under the supervision of Dr. Geoff Zbitnew (Associate Professor of Anesthesiology at Memorial University).

The overall purpose of this survey is to assess the current practice patterns surrounding cricoid pressure use in Newfoundland & Labrador. Participants will be asked to complete an online survey (the link can be found below). Participation involves answering some demographic questions about your practice as a physician, followed by questions on your knowledge of, attitudes around, and current practices using cricoid pressure.

There will be no identifying information on the survey and your responses will remain confidential. Participation is completely voluntary, and the survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Please also take the time to review the Implied Consent Form for additional information regarding your privacy and confidentiality and your participation, including any potential risks and benefits.

This research has been approved by all participating RHAs, and the Health Research Ethics Board. If you have ethical concerns about the research, including your rights as a participant, please contact the Ethics Office at 709-777-6974 or info@hrea.ca

If you have any questions about taking part in this study, you can also contact the research team:

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Click on the link below if you are interested in participating. You can enter your e-mail address at the end of the survey for a chance to win a \$200 Amazon gift card as a token of our appreciation. To ensure anonymity, your e-mail address for the draw will be kept separate from the information you provide on the survey.

Please click on the link below to complete the survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/cricoidpressureNL>

Sincerely,

Caitlin Hutchings (MUN Medicine, Class of 2020)
& Dr. Geoff Zbitnew, MD