Thank You

We are grateful for your time and interest in this project. Each participant contributes a unique perspective to our understanding of serrated polyp development. Our goal is to prevent the development of cancer in patients where serrated polyps run in the family.

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Serrated polyps are small growths in the colon which become more common as we age. However, a specific type of serrated polyp (the advanced serrated polyp) is associated with an increased risk of colon and other cancers. Some of these serrated polyps have been seen to run in families, others have been observed in association with cigarette smoking.

In this research study, we are interested in talking to people who have been diagnosed with these unusual polyps as well as to find out about their family history of cancers and polyps, and their smoking history.

In this way we will be able to investigate the causes of these polyps by looking at the genes which are altered in the patient and their relatives. Colon cancer is preventable in many cases by removal of polyps. It is also curable if caught early. In the longer term, we hope to be able to use the information from our study to work out how best to prevent the development of colon cancer in families who have advanced serrated polyps.

The study is based at QIMR and is being carried out by scientists and doctors from an international consortium who are studying families from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA.

**What Does Participating in the Study Mean?**

Study participants are asked to complete a consent form, and questionnaire, and then may be contacted by phone to complete a short interview which involves clarifying information about your previous cancers and polyps, your smoking history and whether any of your relatives have had polyps or cancers. Depending on where you live, you may then be asked whether you would be willing to donate a small blood sample. We will also ask whether you would allow us to study any tissue samples you have had removed for diagnosis in the past.

All information collected from the study is treated as confidential and stored in accordance with international guidelines covering the privacy of study participants. There is no obligation to continue with study participation, and you are welcome at any time to inform us that you wish to withdraw, and that all personal information is to be deleted from the database.

If you would like to be a study participant, please complete the adjacent form, and send to

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You can access further information about the study on the GSN website at QIMR (available October 31, 2007)

**Contact Form**

[ ] I would like to participate in the Genetics of Serrated Neoplasia study.

[ ] I wish be contacted by post, email or telephone to be given further information regarding the study, and to discuss whether I would be interested in participating.

[ ] I further understand that posting this form in no way commits me to participation, and that if I join the study I will be free to withdraw at any time

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**Preferred Method of Contact**

☐ Phone
☐ Email
☐ Post

Signature  Date