

To whom it may concern:

Hello, my name is Madison Harger. I am a medical student at Medical College of Wisconsin - Green Bay. I am currently researching about urine and fecal incontinence and how it has affected people's lives both physically and mentally. I am partnering with the ADRC in Brown County to help set up a program addressing urine and fecal incontinence in men. If you are a frequent visitor to ADRC you may know there is already a similar program called "Mind Over Matter". However, this class is geared towards urine/fecal incontinence in woman only. Now, we are working towards setting up a similar program for male urine/fecal incontinence. Urine and fecal incontinence education have often been neglected even though it affects many peoples' lives. It is our hope to alleviate some of this by providing tools for education, resources, diet, exercise, etc. There are many ways to direct this class, and that is why we need your help. We would like your input to aid us in getting this program started. Please fill out the attached survey if you are an adult male with or without urine/fecal incontinence.

Although you will not get personal benefit from taking part in this research study, your responses may help us understand more about adult male urine and fecal incontinence and potentially develop a class for it in the future.

We hope to receive completed surveys/questionnaires from about 100 people, so your answers are important to us. Participation in this survey is voluntary and there is no penalty or loss of benefits for not participating. Of course, you have a choice about whether or not to complete the survey/questionnaire, but if you do participate, you are free to skip any questions or discontinue at any time.

The survey/questionnaire will take about 5 minutes to complete.

Although we have tried to minimize this, some questions may make you upset or feel uncomfortable and you may choose not to answer them.

Your response to the survey will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law. When we write about the study you will not be identified, and your name will not be used in presentations or publications. The research team will not know that any information you provided came from you, nor even whether you participated in the study. There are adequate provisions in place to maintain your privacy. Know that this survey is completely anonymous, and your answers will be seen solely by myself.

If you have questions about the study, please feel free to ask; my contact information is given below. If you have questions about your rights as a research participant or want to report any problems or complaints, you can call the Medical College of Wisconsin/Froedtert Hospital Research Subject Advocate at (414) 955-8844.

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