## QUESTIONNAIRE INFORMATION SHEET

### Introduction:

Hi, I am a postgraduate student in AECC university college carrying out a research on 'The awareness and Knowledge of computer vision syndrome among sonographers in United Kingdom.' You are being invited to take part in this research project. Before you decide it is important for you to

understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the

following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that

is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to

take part.

## The purpose of the study:

The aim of this research is to determine the level of awareness and computer vision syndrome among sonographers in United Kingdom.

The researcher observed from reviewed literatures the high prevalence of computer vision syndrome among workers utilising the video display units/ computer systems of which include sonographers. Computer Vision Syndrome is now categorised as a pandemic by some reviewed literatures. This research would ascertain if there were an association between the level of awareness and knowledge of Computer vision syndrome and the high prevalence of CVS among the target population.

## Why have I been chosen?

You are chosen as one of the 353 sonographers that are recruited for meeting the criteria of practising ultrasound in the United Kingdom either on full-time or part-time basis. Sonographers outside the United Kingdom or those who have been diagnosed of eye pathologies such as cataract, glaucoma etc, are not included in this study.

# Do I have to take part in this research?

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. Participation is entirely voluntary and refusal to agree to participate will involve no penalty. If you do decide to participate, you will be providing relevant information that would add to the body of knowledge. You can still withdraw at any time without a reason or without it affecting any benefits that you are entitled to in any way.

# What will happen to me if I take part?

This questionnaire requires 10 minutes of your time to fill. You are required to fill it just once. Data collected are anonymised because information required does not identify any individual. Data will be treated as confidential and you will not be able to be identified in any reports or publications. There is no potential harm/risk to participating in this study.

You have been provided with 15 questions and your honest answer is required which will help the researcher answer the research questions for this study as well as minimize bias. Please note that participation is voluntary; and you can choose not to participate in this study.

Please not that you will not be paid neither do you need to pay for participating in this research.

" Please note that by clicking on the 'start survey' button, you are indicating your willingness to take part in the survey. However, whilst answering the questions, you can choose to leave the survey at any **point by exiting the survey and not clicking 'submit'**. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to go through this information sheet.

Please for more information, you can contact the researcher via 20874@aecc.aecc.ac.uk and via 07951862301

Online survey Link: <u>The awareness and Knowledge of Computer Vision Syndrome Among</u> <u>Sonographers in United Kingdom</u>