Dear Potential member hospital,

We would like to invite your hospital to join an exciting international QI initiative, The Global Tracheostomy Collaborative (GTC).

As you know, patients with tracheostomies are at high risk for preventable adverse events. A growing body of literature demonstrates that, sadly, patients and families often experience disorganized and fragmented care. Such fragmented care increases the risk of adverse events, and frustrates patients and families.

Several hospitals around the world have demonstrated that a set of quality improvement strategies, implemented hospital-wide, can reduce the risk of adverse events – in some cases by up to 90%.

These steps include:

- Weekly rounds by a dedicated multi-disciplinary tracheostomy team
- Institution-wide standardization of care
- Staff training and assignment such that a trach-competent provider is always available in an emergency
- Involving patients and families in care design
- Collecting data and tracking outcomes in a standardized manner

The Global Tracheostomy Collaborative was formed in order to:

- Rapidly disseminate these improvement strategies to hospitals world-wide
- To form a learning community of tracheostomy care professionals, patients and families
- To provide our member hospitals with a secure, privacy-law-compliant, and easy to use database to track their outcomes

The GTC provides our member hospitals with a comprehensive program to radically improve tracheostomy care. Hospitals joining the GTC have demonstrated remarkable outcomes such as:

- A 20% reduction in serious adverse events within 12 months of joining (p<.05)
- A 20% reduction in length of stay within 12 months of joining (p<.05)
- Cost savings of around $15,000 per admission within 12 months of joining

The GTC program has been shown to work in academic, private, tertiary and community hospitals – and we are confident it will work for you!

I have included materials explaining how to join the GTC. Please visit [www.globaltrach.org](http://www.globaltrach.org) for more information. I would be delighted to set up a call to tell you more about the GTC. If you would like to learn more, please contact me or our Executive Director Diane O’Toole at: dotool@globaltrach.org or 781-929-6182, and we can schedule a phone conversation at your convenience.

Best Regards,

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