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**Join the colic survey!**

A team at the University of Nottingham's School of Veterinary Medicine and Science is looking for veterinary surgeons to assist in an evidence-based medicine project. The project is looking at how equine colic cases first present and are diagnosed by practitioners, and how this relates to outcome. We are specifically looking at first presentation and evaluation of colic, and want to hear about all cases seen, no matter how mild (not just the difficult / surgical cases). The results of the study will be used to develop evidence-based guidelines on the 'best practice' approach to colic.

The research team are appealing for any vets involved in the first evaluation of colic cases to help by participating. To get involved, please register online at [www.colicsurvey.com](http://www.colicsurvey.com), then complete online or paper forms about the cases you see. The website has links to other sources of information on colic, and will have regular updates on project progress and what's new in the literature (there is also the option to enter a prize draw to win an iPad3). In addition, if a practice is completing sufficient questionnaires for a representative sample of their colic cases, we can feedback practice specific information to assist with practice audit and clinical governance.

Any queries, please contact the project team: Laila Issaoui, Dr Sarah Freeman, Dr John Burford or Professor Gary England: [contact@colicsurvey.com](mailto:contact@colicsurvey.com)