**Project Overview**
WREN invites you to participate in **Cough Drops: Cause for Concern?**, a brief patient survey-based study initiated by WREN associate Dr. Bob Mead.

**What’s the goal?** To understand how many people with an acute cough are using cough drops or throat lozenges to treat their cough symptoms. The purpose of this pilot study is to gather preliminary data to plan for future WREN projects into possible harms of menthol-containing cough drops/throat lozenges.

**Why Is This Important?**
Dr. Mead has made clinical observations suggesting that cough drops containing menthol may actually prolong and/or worsen some coughs. The side effect profile of mentholated cough drops is poorly described, and the “counter irritant” properties of menthol could hypothetically play a role in prolonging and/or worsening cough. Better understanding of potential harms of cough drops will improve patient care.

**What You Are Being Asked To Do**
1. Distribute an anonymous one page, 10-item paper survey to adults visiting your clinic with an acute cough.
2. Ask them to fill out the survey before they leave your clinic.
3. Collect the survey before they leave your clinic.
4. Mail batches of collected surveys to the WREN office weekly using prepaid pre-addressed envelopes that WREN will provide.

Your clinic may adopt any method(s) it chooses for collecting surveys. WREN staff will communicate with your clinic to offer guidance on various options you might wish to consider.

**Compensation**
This is an unfunded project. There is no financial compensation for participating. Your clinic will receive its own and overall results as they become available. If you would like to join a planning group for a subsequent project, please let us know.

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