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Explanatory Letter

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Dear Colleague/ Health Care Provider,

I am writing to invite you to participate in a national survey to assess the need for a Canadian Pediatric Drug Compendium. The purpose of the survey is to understand the use of pediatric prescription, dosing, and drug information resources by health care providers.

KIDSCAN and Children's Pediatric Society (CPS) are currently working on the development of a pediatric drug information handbook for Canada. We think this should be a freely available online tool with up-to-date information available to all Canadian prescribers and other users (nurses, pharmacists, parents, patients), as has been developed in the Netherlands (See Attached Figure 1). This online tool would allow you the ability to download copies of the drug information you require. An important step that needs to be taken to make this a reality is to understand the current habits and future needs of professionals. Because of that we ask you to spend 5 to 10 mins of your time to answer the following questions in our survey. No personal identifiers will be asked of you during the survey to maintain your anonymity; this study will follow the requirements of the University of Manitoba's Research Ethics Board. Your participation is highly appreciated, and will help us move forward.

Please visit the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WNL6H2X> in English ou en français <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WNC7Y9Z> to complete the survey before **January 18, 2019**. Consent is inferred once you have completed and submitted the survey.

If you have any questions or are experiencing issues with the survey link please contact:

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Thank you in advance for participating in this survey,

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Figure 1 Screen Shot of the Dutch Formulary - Kinderformularium

Kinderformularium
 (Pediatric Compendium)

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- [Acetylsalicylic acid \(carbasalate calcium\)](#)
Aspegic, Aspirine, Aspro, Ascal, Alka-Seltzer
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Acetylsalicylic acid (carbasalate calcium)

Generic Name	Acetylsalicylic acid (carbasalate calcium)
Brand Name	Aspegic, Aspirine, Aspro, Ascal, Alka-Seltzer
ACT Code	B01AC

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Dosages

Indication: Kawasaki disease

Oral

- 1 month to 18 years
 - [3] **Starting dose:** Carbasalate calcium: 30-50 mg/kg/ 4 times a day
 - Maintenance dosing:** After body temperature has normalized and CRP decreased: reduce dosage of carbasalate calcium to 3-5 mg/kg/once a day

Indication: Inhibition of thrombocyte aggregation

Intravenous

- 1 month to 18 years
 - Loading dose:** Acetylsalicylic acid: 3-5 mg/kg/ once a day
 - Maintenance dose:** 16-30 mg/once a day
 - If a swift effect is to be achieved, a loading dose is to be given

Oral

- 1 month to 18 years
 - Loading dose :** Acetylsalicylic acid: 3-5 mg/kg/once a day
 - Maintenance dose :** 20-38 mg/once a day
 - If a swift effect is to be achieved, a loading dose is to be given