

## APPENDIX A INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER

(Date)

(Name)

(Address)

Dear (Mother of a child born in 2000 or 2001):

As part of the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program, a Public Health Nurse from the Peel Health Department called you shortly after the birth of your child, to ask you about your baby and tell to you about services available for mothers and newborns in your area. In addition, you may have been visited in your home by a Public Health Nurse or Family Visitor. I am writing to you now to ask if you would be willing to help us learn more about the health of young children in the Region of Peel.

Peel Health will be conducting a telephone survey of mothers of children born in 2000 or 2001. The purpose of the survey is to learn about a variety of child health issues, and to ask some specific health questions about your youngest child. The telephone survey will take place between April and July 2002 and will take about 20 minutes of your time. Compustat Consultants have been contracted to conduct the actual telephone survey on behalf of Peel Health.

The answers you give in the survey are confidential and will only be released in group form without names. If you do not wish to participate in this survey, please contact Healthline Peel at 905-799-7700 by April 19, 2002 and we will remove your name from the list.

The results of this survey will help us to improve services to young children and their mothers. If you would like additional information about this survey, please contact Julie Stratton at 905-791-7800 extension 2610. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

David McKeown, MDCM, MHSc, FRCPC  
Medical Officer of Health

