



## DEAR RECIPIENT

We are conducting a survey on the promotion of tobacco abstinence and cessation by dental staff in the health centre of Vaasa and kindly request your participation in this survey. The Ethics Committee of the Vaasa Hospital District and the medical director of the Vaasa health centre have approved our research plan.

Our survey examines the support and counselling that you provide to your patients to promote tobacco abstinence and cessation. To obtain reliable results, it is important that as many of the selected respondents as possible complete this questionnaire. The data will be used statistically, and no individual responses can be identified. Participation is voluntary and you may refuse to participate without giving a reason.

The survey consists of three questionnaires. Please respond to the first questionnaire according to the enclosed instructions. You will receive written instructions for follow-up questionnaires at a later date.

Please return the consent form in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. For your participation, you will receive **two film tickets per questionnaire** (worth 20 €) to the Gloria film theatre. The tickets will be mailed to you within one month of receiving your completed questionnaire.

Every response is important to the further development of Finnish dental healthcare. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your participation.

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