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Date

Patient Name
Address

Dear **Patient Name**

I am writing to you as you will remember having had an endoscopy and being told that you have a condition called Barrett's oesophagus. This condition often goes along with troublesome symptoms such as indigestion and acid reflux. This hospital is taking part in a research study to see whether regular endoscopies (every 2 years) for patients with Barrett's oesophagus are a beneficial thing to do.

The current available information does not give us a clear answer, one-way or the other, as to whether regular endoscopies are a good way of spotting any changes in patients with Barrett's oesophagus that might signal the need for further treatment. It may be that the small risks that are associated with endoscopy outweigh any benefits that there might be in diagnosing changes in patients with Barrett's oesophagus at an earlier stage.

I would like you to invite you to consider taking part in this project and am sending you the information sheet to explain the study in more detail. I am sending this information ahead of your next clinic appointment when you can sign the consent form if you are happy to do so.

The BOSS Research Nurse, **Name of Nurse**, will contact you in several days from the date of this letter to discuss the study further and answer any questions that you may have prior to your clinical appointment.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

Yours sincerely

Name of Principal Investigator