



BOSS Study
c/o **Name of Department / Organisation**

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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 study and I am sending you the information sheet to explain the study in more detail. The BOSS Research Nurse, **Name of Nurse**, will contact you in several days from the date of this letter to discuss the study further. At this time he/she will arrange an appointment time for you to formally join the trial if you wish to do so.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. If you think that this does not apply to you, please accept my apologies and contact the number at the head of this letter to inform them so that our records can be corrected.

Yours sincerely

Name of Principal Investigator