

**TITLE:** Attitudes of children & adolescents toward stuttering therapy

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**ABSTRACT:** The survey is conducted online. You and your child must use a computer with internet access in order to participate. In order to gain access to the online survey and to verify consent, a parent or legal guardian of the child must contact me via telephone to confirm their child's permission to participate.

**Survey Data Management:** Information you provide will remain confidential. Identifying information (your Email, phone number) is not linked to the survey or responses provided by your child. The anonymous survey responses are only viewed by myself (Heather Salvo), my mentoring professor (Dr. Carol Seery), and students in the UWM Stuttering and Fluency Laboratory who assist with data entry. All students engage in this research, as well as the professor, have completed Human Subjects protection and privacy training. All completed Qualtrics questionnaire data will be stored in a database that is secured through logins unique to the examiners. Email and phone contact information are held for purposes of ensuring your permission, and deleted when the survey participation period is over. The contact information will not be share with anyone else. The actual data regarding survey responses will be kept for 5-years following the study.

### **Survey Topics**

- \* Current age, country, language, gender
- \* Age of stuttering onset (select range)
- \* Age at which stuttering treatment began (select range)
- \* Duration of stuttering treatment (select range)
- \* Focus of stuttering treatment (check all that apply)
- \* Child rating of treatment benefit (5-pt scale)
- \* Child's rating of liking treatment (5-pt scale)
- \* Child's rating of social impact of treatment (selection/s & write-in possible)
- \* What the child wants treatment to achieve (selection/s & write-in possible)

**Risks/Benefits:** The intended benefits of this research are for the general population of those who stutter. Knowledge of how adolescents and children view their treatment will be beneficial for those who provide future clinical services to children who stutter. Although there are no immediate benefits to you or your child personally as a result of your participation in this study, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that your child's answers may help others in the future. I anticipate no risks or costs to you or your child as a result of their participation in this study other than the brief time it will take to complete the survey, and although the questions are not expected to trigger discomfort, it is possible that some children might have emotional discomfort as they think about their experiences with stuttering treatment. Deciding to participate or not will not impact any student's grades, class standing, opportunities, or relationship to any institution. When you review the survey questionnaire prior to your child's participation, you and/or your

child can decide whether they wish to continue. You and/or your child may choose to withdraw from the survey at any time.

**Questions:** If you have any questions or comments about this study you can contact Heather Salvo ([hdsalvo@uwm.edu](mailto:hdsalvo@uwm.edu); 262-995-8187; please leave a message) or Carol H. Seery, Ph.D., CCC-SLP ([cseery@uwm.edu](mailto:cseery@uwm.edu); 414-229-4291). If you have questions about your rights as a research participant or how this study is being conducted, you may contact the Contact the UWM IRB at 414-229-3173 or [irbinfo@uwm.edu](mailto:irbinfo@uwm.edu).