



Dear Doctor

We are inviting you to participate in a landmark national survey of doctors – *Doctors in India* - which is conducted by Harvard University and Swasth. The aim of the study is to understand doctors' perceptions about their practices/jobs, their motivations, roles, and concerns; and explore their perceptions about health system reforms in India toward improving healthcare.

The study is a part of the Lancet Citizens' Commission on Reimagining India's Health System (The Lancet Commission), an ambitious, cross-sectoral endeavor to lay out the roadmap to achieving universal health coverage for the people of India. The Lancet Commission has already brought together leaders from academia, the scientific community, civil society, and private healthcare to spearhead this effort (<https://www.citizenshealth.in/>).

If you participate, your responses will contribute to reform ideas for our country's health system. The views and experiences of doctors such as yourself are vital to the recommendations for the future design of India's health system. As an acknowledgment of your participation in this survey, we will offer you a Certificate of Appreciation from the Lancet Commission and invitations to meetings and events with policymakers and health system experts. In addition, and with your permission, we will acknowledge you on the Lancet Commission website.

This survey has been endorsed by several national-level associations of doctors, hospitals, and industry ([listed here](#)), representatives from which serve on our Scientific Advisory Committee. There are no right or wrong answers to the questions in this survey. We want to understand you: (i) views about the overall health system and satisfaction with your medical career, (ii) experiences with your current practice as a doctor, (iii) preferences for future healthcare reforms for India, and (iv) information about your background. You can skip any question you do not want to answer.

Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. Even if you choose to participate at this point, you can change your mind and quit the survey at any time. Your responses will be completely anonymous, and we will not ask for your name, employer, or your contact information at any point during the survey. No one, even the researchers analyzing the data, would be able to identify you in any way. The only people allowed to see your answers will be researchers who work on the study and people who ensure we run our study the right way. You can complete the survey by clicking on the secure link below and following the simple instructions. The survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. You will be able to stop at any point, save your answers, and return to it using your secure link. The survey link you will receive is unique to you.

**Please click here to go to the survey:** <https://sprw.io/stt-dvhDtrXJCEMZrHGBSDxSJx>

If you have any questions about the study, you can contact [doctorsinindia@swasthalliance.org](mailto:doctorsinindia@swasthalliance.org).

Thanking you in anticipation,



Yours sincerely,

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