You are asked to participate in a research study conducted by Alice Kuo, MD, Ph.D, and associates from the Department of Pediatrics, at the University of California, Los Angeles. You were selected as a possible participant in this study because your residency program is participating in an evaluation of the Pediatric Public Health Residency Curriculum. Your participation in this research study is voluntary.

Why is this study being done?

The goals of the Pediatric Public Health Curriculum Project is to address the health problems facing children in the 21st century through improved public health training of future primary care physicians. The Pediatric Public Health Curriculum Project will identify best practices in teaching residents about public health topics from residency programs across the country in order to share curricular innovations, provide training and tools to the faculty of the residency programs and support quality of health care improvement activities. The Pediatric Public Health Curriculum Project will evaluate the effectiveness of the resident curriculum in improving practices and knowledge in residents.

What will happen if I take part in this research study?

If you volunteer to participate in this study, you will be asked to do the following:

- Complete a survey designed to assess knowledge, attitudes, and practices related to public health and pediatrics. You will be asked to complete this questionnaire twice (beginning and end of the residency year). Surveys will be administered at your residency site and will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Completion and return of the attached questionnaire will constitute consent to participate in this study.

How long will I be in the research study?

Participation in the study will take a total of about ½ an hour over a period of 1 year: 15 minutes to complete the questionnaire the first time and 15 minutes to complete the questionnaire the second time.

Are there any potential risks or discomforts that I can expect from this study?

You may feel uncomfortable completing the questionnaire.

Are there any potential benefits if I participate?

It is our goal to improve upon the current pediatric resident education with regard to public health principles. If this study demonstrates an increase in resident knowledge, attitudes, and practices with regard to public health topics, then the curriculum will be made available on a national level. Given that current residents will, in turn, train the next generation of pediatric residents, changing the attitudes and increasing the knowledge and practice of this generation of residents will greatly impact the future of pediatric care with regard to prevention and the promotion of health.

Will I receive any payment if I participate in this study?
You will receive no payment for your participation

**Will information about me and my participation be kept confidential?**

Confidentiality will be maintained by asking residents to create a unique identifier code which cannot be linked to their identity. This code will appear on all survey forms submitted to the UCLA research team therefore your identity will not be shared with the UCLA research team. The results of the survey will not be used to judge your specific performance as a resident and will not affect your residency standing.

**What are my rights if I take part in this study?**

You may withdraw your consent at any time and discontinue participation without penalty or loss of benefits to which you were otherwise entitled.

You can choose whether or not you want to be in this study. If you volunteer to be in this study, you may leave the study at any time without consequences of any kind. You are not waiving any of your legal rights if you choose to be in this research study. You may refuse to answer any questions that you do not want to answer and still remain in the study.

**Who can answer questions I might have about this study?**

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the research, you can talk to the one of the researchers. Please contact the Principal Investigator, Alice Kuo, MD, Ph.D at 310-794-2583 or akuo@mednet.ucla.edu.

If you wish to ask questions about your rights as a research participant or if you wish to voice any problems or concerns you may have about the study to someone other than the researchers, please call the Office of the Human Research Protection Program at (310) 825-7122 or write Office of the Human Research Protection Program, UCLA, 11000 Kinross Avenue, Suite 102, Box 951694, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1694.