Dear ISPAD members,

My name is Tiago Jeronimo, and I was one of the recipients of the 2019 ISPAD Allan Drash Clinical Fellowship. I completed my program at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland, OH, USA, under the supervision of Dr. Jamie Wood, during November and December of 2019. In addition, I was lucky to have had along with me another recipient of this program, a great colleague from India – Dr. Chetankumar Dave.

During the fellowship program, we had the opportunity to see plenty of patients using diabetes technologies, some of these only available in the US. And all at once, we also perceived how social inequalities may interfere on the use of these technologies. Then, as a result of the flourishing time we had there, we developed a research project during our visit, which we would really appreciate if you could help us make it feasible and spread the word.

Basically, it is a survey which we entitled “Viewpoints of providers on using type-1 diabetes technologies in children and adolescents”. Our aim is to identify providers’ perceptions regarding their decision-making to start a patient with T1D on insulin pump and/or continuous glucose monitor system. Our target is to disseminate it throughout the members of ISPAD with the option to forward the survey link to other colleagues, national/regional endocrinology and diabetes organizations within one month from the dissemination.

With this survey, we expect to have a comprehensive picture of the reasons why providers prescribe or refuse diabetes technology. The access of different providers’ profiles will give us clues to associate providers’ personal sociodemographic characteristics, work profile and personal thoughts about their uptake when considering the use of diabetes technology. We think that the results of the survey might be helpful for future guidelines on diabetes technology to endorse current evidence in reference to different regions of the world, levels of access to technologies and personal thoughts.

Your response to the survey will be anonymous and we have no conflict of interest.

Web-link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/diabetesANDtechnology