Fever in Children

a. What is your address?
   - Building number
   - Street name
   - Town

b. What is your ethnicity?
   (please tick ALL that apply)
   - New Zealand European
   - Maori
   - Samoan
   - Tongan
   - Chinese
   - Indian
   - Other (Please State)

c. What is your age in years?


d. What is your highest level of education?
   (tick only ONE)
   - Primary School
   - High School (3 years or less)
   - Completed High School
   - Completed Polytechnic Qualification
   - Completed University Degree

e. How many children do you take care of? (Including the child you brought to be seen in the Emergency Department today)


f. What is your relationship to the child you brought to be seen in the Emergency Department today?
   - Mother
   - Father
   - Sister
   - Brother
   - Aunt
   - Uncle
   - Grandmother
   - Grandfather
   - Other (Please State)

g. What is the child’s age?
   - Years
   - Months

h. What is the child’s sex?
   - Male
   - Female
i. What is the **MAIN** reason you brought this child to the Emergency department today? *(tick only ONE)*

| Reason                              |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Fever                               |   |
| Pain (including crying that is not explained) |   |
| Injury                              |   |
| Breathing problem/cough             |   |
| Vomiting and/or diarrhoea           |   |
| Not eating/drinking                 |   |
| Sore ear                            |   |
| Sore throat                         |   |
| Other (Please state)                |   |

j. Has your child had a fever in the last 24 hours?

- Yes
- No

k. At what body temperature would you say that your child has a fever? *(fill in the boxes)*

- C

- Do not know (tick) ☐

l. How high can your child’s body temperature go when they have a fever? *(fill in the boxes)*

- C

- Do not know (tick) ☐

m. Please circle one number for each of the following statements, from 1= Strongly Disagree to 5 = Strongly Agree

| Statement                                                                 | Strongly Disagree | Somewhat Disagree | Neutral | Somewhat Agree | Strongly Agree |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| I am very concerned when my child has a fever                             | 1                 | 2                 | 3       | 4              | 5              |
| I am worried when my child’s fever does not come down with treatment      | 1                 | 2                 | 3       | 4              | 5              |
| When my child has fever, it does not matter how high the temperature goes | 1                 | 2                 | 3       | 4              | 5              |
| If my child has a fever that does not come down it can cause serious damage to them | 1                 | 2                 | 3       | 4              | 5              |
n. Which of these problems can be caused by fever? (tick ALL that apply)

- None
- Brain Damage
- Coma
- Death
- Seizure
- Dehydration
- Confusion
- Heart damage
- Blindness
- Other (Please State)

o. What do you use to check if you think your child has a fever? (tick ALL that apply)

- Ear thermometer
- Forehead thermometer
- Mouth thermometer
- Underarm thermometer
- Rectal thermometer
- By touch/feel/skin

p. Please circle one number for each of the following statements, from 1 = Strongly Disagree to 5 = Strongly Agree

| Statement                                                                 | Strongly Disagree | Somewhat Disagree | Neutral | Somewhat Agree | Strongly Agree |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| If my child has a fever I would strip them down to a single layer of clothes | 1                 | 2                 | 3       | 4              | 5              |
| If my child has a fever I would sponge them with water                    | 1                 | 2                 | 3       | 4              | 5              |
| If my child has a fever I would always give them paracetamol (pamol) OR ibuprofen (brufen) to treat the fever | 1                 | 2                 | 3       | 4              | 5              |
| If my child has a fever I would always give them paracetamol (pamol) AND ibuprofen (brufen) to treat the fever | 1                 | 2                 | 3       | 4              | 5              |
| If I was worried my child might get a fever I would give them paracetamol (pamol) or ibuprofen (brufen) just in case | 1                 | 2                 | 3       | 4              | 5              |
| If my child has a fever I would only give them medicine if their fever is making them feel uncomfortable | 1                 | 2                 | 3       | 4              | 5              |
| If my child has a fever I would keep checking their temperature until the fever goes away | 1                 | 2                 | 3       | 4              | 5              |
| If my child has a fever I would wake them from sleep to give them paracetamol (pamol) or ibuprofen (brufen) | 1                 | 2                 | 3       | 4              | 5              |
| If my child has a fever I would wake them from sleep to check their temperature | 1                 | 2                 | 3       | 4              | 5              |

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Other (Please State)
q. How long do you wait between giving doses of paracetamol (pamol) to treat fever? (Number of Hours) 

I do not give paracetamol (pamol) (tick) 

r. How long do you wait between giving doses of ibuprofen (brufen) to treat fever? (Number of Hours) 

I do not give ibuprofen (brufen) (tick) 

s. Where do you get information about what to do if your child has a fever? (tick ALL that apply) 

Family Doctor/GP 
GP Practice Nurse 
Emergency Department Doctors 
Emergency Department Nurses 
Plunket Nurse 
Traditional Healer (eg. Fofo, rongoaa Maaori practitioner, Kau Faito’o) 
Relatives 
Friends 
The Internet 
Media (television, radio, newspapers, magazines) 
Other (Please state) 

t. Please list any websites you use to get information about fever treatment at home? 



Thank you for your time 
If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask a member of the Medical staff