



Dear _____,

Re: Information about the Kidney Disease Study

(Multi-centre Randomised Controlled Trial of Angiotensin Converting Enzyme inhibitor (ACEi) / Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (ARB) withdrawal in advanced renal disease; The STOP-ACEi Trial)

You are due to be seen at clinic on _____. In advance of this clinic assessment, I am writing to give you some information about a kidney disease study that you may wish to consider.

The study is designed to test whether stopping treatment with angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors (ACEi) and/or angiotensin receptor blockers (ARB), compared to carrying on with these treatments, can improve or stabilise kidney function in patients who have chronic kidney disease (CKD), while maintaining blood pressure control. To enter the trial, participants must be aged 18 years or over, be taking ACEi and/or ARB treatment and have CKD stage 4 or 5.

I have enclosed a Participant Information Sheet for you to look at before your next clinic assessment. Please take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part. If you have any questions or queries about the trial, please don't hesitate to contact me <insert responsible clinician name>, <insert responsible clinician contact details>.

Please take time to discuss the trial with your family and friends if you would like to. When you attend your next clinic appointment, if you would like to join the trial, you can sign a consent form and be entered into the trial. You will have plenty of time at your next clinic assessment to discuss the trial further and to have any questions that you may have about the trial answered. Taking part in the trial is entirely voluntary, it is up to you to decide whether you would like to join or not, and your decision will not affect the standard of care you receive.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

<insert local clinician name>

Enclosed: STOP-ACEi Participant Information Sheet

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