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Dear Dr. Ashbury,

I am conducting a research project for my dissertation titled, "Modeling the consumer health information-seeking behaviors of primary care physicians who treat elderly depressed patients and their caregivers."

In order to gauge the confidence levels of the physicians in various tasks they perform while they are seeing elderly patients, I have adapted a scale developed by you and your colleagues found in Table 1 (page 9) of the following publication:

Ashbury, FD, Iverson, DC, Kralj, B, *Physician communication skills: Results of a survey of general/family practitioners in Newfoundland*, Med Educ Online, 2001.6: 1.  
<http://coqprints.org/2420/1/res00014.pdf>

I would like your permission to use an adapted version of your confidence scale in my dissertation. I have attached a copy of the survey which includes my modifications and adaptations.

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Sincerely,

Mary Jo Dorsey

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My pleasure.  
 please let me know  
 how your work  
 progresses