By joining this WhatsApp group, you agree to adhere to the following rules and instructions, as set by the Faculty of Health, Medicine, and Life Sciences at Maastricht University. Please note that this WhatsApp group is an official communication channel, and representatives of Maastricht University are present here. It is important to remember that any information you share in this group is public.

## 1. Respectful Behavior

- Participants must refrain from using threatening, abusive, defamatory, vulgar, obscene, hateful, racially or ethnically offensive language. Swearing is strictly prohibited.
- Comments or terms of a sexual nature are not allowed. When in doubt about the appropriateness of a comment, do not to post it.
- Jokes, religious comments (irrespective of intention), hate speech, racism, politics, adult material, or any content that may be deemed controversial, offensive, or hurtful to anyone are strictly prohibited.
- Personal attacks, whether verbal or otherwise, against any individual, either within or outside the group, will not be tolerated.
- Advertising is not permitted in this group unless prior approval has been obtained from the group admins.
- Engaging in arguments, expressing heated opinions, spreading fear, promoting drama, or sharing unverified information (fake news) is strictly prohibited. Always verify the credibility of your sources before sharing.
- The language of communication within this group is English. Messages in other languages will be deleted.

## 2. Amendments and Changes

• These rules are subject to amendment and change in response to circumstances and incidents. Group members will be notified of any such changes. By choosing to remain in the group, you are deemed to have read, understood, and agreed to these changes.

## 3. Admins Discretion

- The group admins reserve the right to remove members who fail to adhere to these rules or the instructions provided by the admins.
- If a group member has previously been warned about their behavior on the group, they may be removed without notice if the offense is repeated or if any other offense is committed.
- If you are unsure about any aspect of the group's rules or require clarification, please contact one of the group admins for assistance.

By participating in this WhatsApp group, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the above code of conduct, and you agree to comply with its provisions. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in the revocation of your access to the group.

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a respectful and productive environment within this WhatsApp group.