## Explanation of the Gut Feelings Questionnaire

The purpose of the questionnaire is to determine the presence or absence of gut feelings in diagnostic reasoning. These gut feelings are defined as a sense of alarm and a sense of reassurance. A ‘sense of alarm’ implies that a GP worries about a patient’s health status, even though he/she has found no specific indications yet; it is a sense that ‘there’s something wrong here’. A ‘sense of reassurance’ means that a GP feels secure about the further management and course of a patient’s problem, even though he/she may not be certain about the diagnosis: everything fits in. The items 2-7 of the questionnaire are derived from these definitions. In item 8 you will be asked to suggest a maximum of 3 diagnoses you have in mind concerning the patient. In item 10 you will have to write which diagnosis you used to determine your course of action. In order to avoid a selection bias, we urgently ask you to fill in the questionnaire for successive cases/patients directly after the consultation. Please, read the questionnaire, so we can discuss any questions you might have.