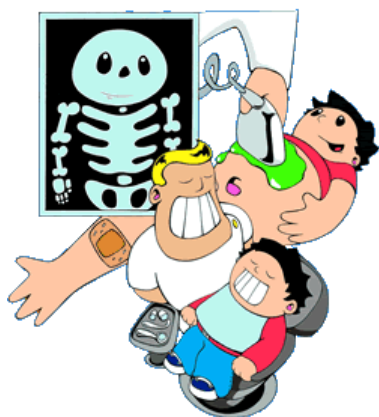


Patient Information Sheet for Children 6-10 years old

Doctors at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital (RJAH) are doing a research study and would like to ask for your help. Research means finding out more about something. It is a way we try to find out the answers to questions.

Why is this project being done?

Some children have parts of their body that become unwell. Doctors don't always know why this happens, but sometimes they can give medicine and do operations to make it better. We would like you to help us find out why some children have parts of their body that get sick.



Why have I been chosen to take part?

We ask patients at this hospital having tests to be in our research study, and are inviting you to take part too.

What do I have to do to take part?

You don't have to do anything. If you have an operation, doctors will remove some tissue and look at it to find out about your illness. Afterwards, this tissue is thrown away. If you agree to take part in our project, the signed consent form allows us to keep this tissue and researchers can study it to learn more about

the disease, and hopefully make better medicines in the future.

We might also like to take a small blood sample but don't worry, we will only take it when you are having your operation or when you are having blood tests done anyway.

Will joining in help me?

We cannot promise the study will help you but what we discover might help other children who have parts of their body that get sick in the future.

Do I have to take part?

No. You do not have to take part. You can say no and no one will be cross or upset. If you say yes, but later change your mind then that's ok as well. Just tell your parents, doctor or nurse. They will not be cross with you and you will still get the treatment you need.

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Will anyone find out if I am on this study?

Your name and the things about you will be kept a secret - only the people who are doing the research will be able to see this information

Did anyone else check the study is OK to do?

Before any research is allowed to happen, it has to be checked by a group of people called a Research Ethics Committee. They make sure that the research is fair. The RJAH Biobank for Studying Health and Disease has been given a good opinion.

What do I do now?

Take time to decide whether or not you want to take part, and please ask us if there is anything that you do not understand.

If you have questions that the person who looks after you cannot answer, you can ask them to contact the Biobank Manager on 01691 404120, who will try to answer your question or will speak to an appropriate person.

