

**Are you interested in participating in research?  
What should you do?**

- **Learn** about the study.
- **Ask** questions!
- **Take time** to think before deciding.

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At BC Children's Hospital, more than **1,000 medical researchers** are working to push the limits of what is possible. But they can't do it alone.

When you and your family take part in research, you are helping us **improve healthcare for kids** in B.C. and beyond!



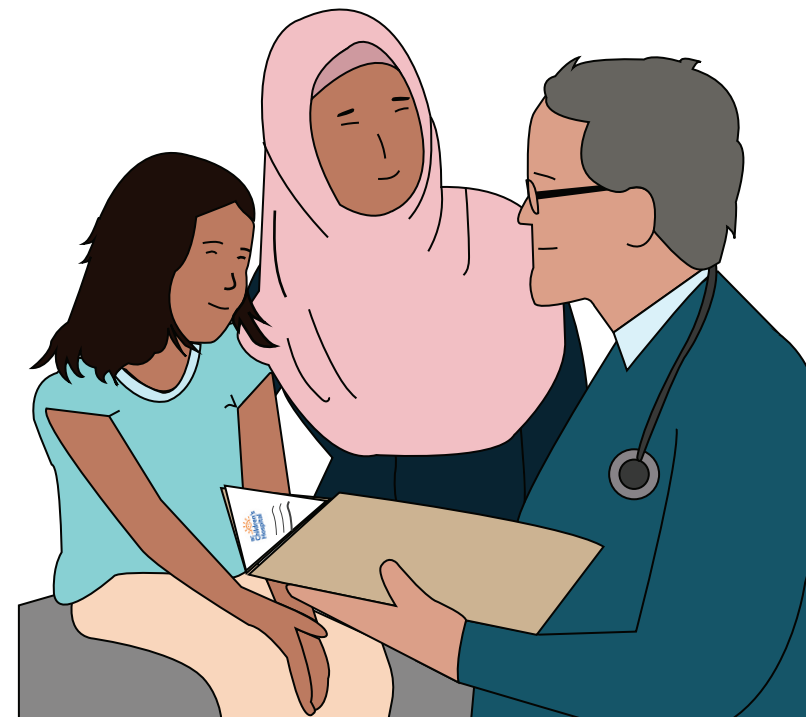
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# Research is THE FUTURE OF CARE



## Why is research important?

Research helps us expand our understanding of health and disease, **improve treatments** and find **new cures**.

**BC Children's Hospital Research Institute** is an **inclusive** and discrimination free research entity. We welcome all individuals from **different cultures** and backgrounds.

With **diverse participation**, research discoveries can have a greater impact and benefit a broader range of people.



## What you should know:

### Your participation is voluntary

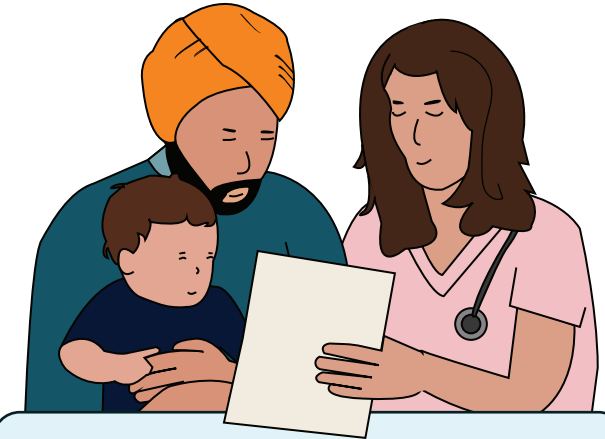
- ✓ You **do not have to participate** if you do not want to.
- ✓ You can **withdraw** from the study at any time.
- ✓ If you do not participate or if you withdraw, you will still continue to receive the medical care or other services to which you are entitled or may be receiving.

### Your privacy is protected

- ✓ Your **rights to privacy** are legally protected by federal and provincial laws that require safeguards to ensure that your privacy is respected.
- ✓ Your **identity and information** remains with the research team only and no information that discloses your identity will ever be published without your consent.



## Your consent is needed !



Signing the **consent form** means you are willing to participate in the research, but you are still **free to withdraw at any time**. You do not give up any of your legal rights.

We value **transparency and integrity**.

Before signing the consent form, the research team will make sure:

- 1 You understand what the research is **trying to achieve** and what you will be asked to do.
- 2 You understand any possible **risks and benefits** associated with your participation.
- 3 You have the chance to **ask questions** and that all your questions are answered.