Some questions to ask about the study

- What will I have to do?
- Who makes the final decision - me or my parents?
- In what ways would it be different from my normal treatment?
  - Extra visits?
  - Extra blood tests?
  - Different medication?
- Would it involve discomfort or risk for me?
- Will I be given any results that relate to me?
- Will the research study help me, or is it only intended to help other people in the future?
- How long will I be involved?
  - Does the research go over many years or is it just one off?
- Will the researchers tell me about the overall results of the study when it finishes?
- If I agree, can I change my mind later?

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What is an information statement?

- A sheet of paper with information about a research study.

- Sometimes it is called a "plain language statement".

What is the purpose of the information statement?

- It is telling you about the study so you can make a choice. You don't have to agree to take part.

- Its purpose is to protect your welfare and rights.

- It explains the risks and any benefits of taking part in a research study. It also explains other options if you don't want to take part.

- Your role is to read this statement and ask questions about anything you do not understand.

- In deciding whether you want to take part, you can show the information statement to others.

- It is for you to keep - to refer back to.

What is research?

- In health care, research aims to get information to help doctors understand diseases better, and improve treatment.

Other words for “research” that sometimes get used are:

- Trial, clinical trial or drug trial
- Protocol
- Survey
- Experiment
- Study
- Focus group
- Questionnaire