Some questions to ask about the study

- What will my child have to do?
- In what ways would it be different from my child’s normal treatment?
  - Extra visits?
  - Extra blood tests?
  - Different medication?
- Would it involve discomfort or risk to my child?
- Will I be given any results that relate to my child?

- Will the research study help my child, or is it only intended to help other children in the future?
- How long will my child 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?

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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 child's 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 as a parent or guardian is to read this statement and ask questions about anything you do not understand.
- In deciding whether you want your child 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