

# Research: Unlocking Better Care



## Why is research important?

Research helps us better understand health and disease, **improve treatments, and find new cures**. Child health research has more impact if it is **inclusive and free of discrimination**.

**We welcome all people** from different cultures, communities, and backgrounds. When many different people take part, **research can benefit more children**.

What you should know:



## Participation is Voluntary

- ▶ Usual medical care and access to other services will continue whether you take part in the study or not.
- ▶ You do not have to participate if you do not want to and, you can withdraw from the study at any time.
- ▶ The study team will let you know how they plan to share the results with you.

## Privacy is Protected

- ▶ Rights to privacy are legally protected by federal and provincial laws.
- ▶ The research team will not reveal or share your identity unless you agree.

## Your consent is needed!

**Consent and assent** forms explain the study. If you want to take part, you must sign them. You can withdraw at any time. You do not give up **any** legal rights.

**We value transparency and integrity**. Before signing the consent form, the research team will make sure:

- ▶ You **understand** what the research is trying to achieve and what you will be asked to do.
- ▶ You understand possible **risks and benefits** of participating.
- ▶ You have the **chance to ask questions** and that all your questions are answered. You can always ask more questions at any time!

I'm ready to sign the forms.



When you and your family take part in research, you are helping improve healthcare for kids in Canada and beyond!



## Are you interested in participating in research?

### What should you do?

- ▶ **Learn** about the study and ask questions!
- ▶ **Talk** to family, friends, or a trusted person.
- ▶ **Ask** the study team about supports and patient groups.
- ▶ **Take** time to think before deciding.