

PRISM: The Primary Care Streptococcal Management Study

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET for CHILDREN up to age 12
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You are being asked to take part in a research study. Before you decide if you want to take part, please take time to read this leaflet carefully.

Why are we doing this research?

We are trying to find out what causes sore throats. We would like to be able to just give antibiotics to young people where the infection is caused by a germ called streptococcus. To do this we need to see which tests for streptococcus are the best.

Why have I been chosen?

You have been chosen because your doctor/nurse thinks you have a throat infection.

Do I have to help?

No, only if you want to. If you start helping us and then change your mind, you can stop.

What will happen if I agree to take part?

If you agree to take part you will talk to one of the nurses or doctors who are doing the research with the adult who is with you. The nurse or doctor will ask you some questions about your sore throat.

The nurse or doctor will take a sample of mucus from the back of your throat. The sample will be sent to a laboratory. In the laboratory someone will see which tests are best in telling if you had the streptococcus germ. The mucus sample is sometimes taken when children see their doctor normally; in this study the nurses and doctors will need to take a sample in all children.

The nurse or doctor will give you a diary to let us know how long your sore throat infection goes on for and how bad it is. We will also give you a post card to send back so that we know if you needed to see the GP again or go to hospital.

Will anything about the research upset me?

The sample of mucus from the back of the throat can be slightly uncomfortable, and can make some children feel sick for a few seconds.

What will happen if I say that I do not want to take part?

If you do not want to take part the doctor will still treat your sore throat. You should tell your mum or dad (or the adult who is with you today) if you do not want to take part. If you want to find out more you can ask your mum or dad or the nurse or doctor who sees you.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

We can't promise the study will help you but it might help treat young people with sore throats better in the future.

Who is organizing, paying for, and checking the research?

The study is paid for by the health service. Oxford University is doing the research. Before any research goes ahead it has to be checked by an Ethics Committee. They make sure that the research is OK to do. Your project has been checked by the Southampton & South West Hampshire Ethics Committee'

Will anyone else know I am taking part?

If you agree to take part in the research, any of your records may be looked at to check that the study is being carried out correctly, but no one outside the GP surgery and research team will be given your name or your details.

Contact details

If you have more questions now before you decide, or at any time you can ask: Study Co-ordinator Tel: 01865 289310



Thank you for reading this.

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