

Research Assent Form (Age 7-17 years)
Prospective Assessment in a Community Cohort:
Enteric and Respiratory pathogens (PACC-ER)
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What is a research study?

- A research study helps us learn new things.
- This form talks about our research study and the choice that you have to take part in it. We want you to ask us any questions that you have. You can ask questions any time.

Important things to know.

- You get to decide if you want to take part.
- You can say “no” or you can say “yes.”
- No one will be upset if you say “no.”
- If you say “yes,” you can always say “no” later.
- You can say “no” at anytime.
- We would still take good care of you no matter what you decide.

Why are we doing this research?

- We are doing this research to find out more about the germs that make people sick with cold or stomach symptoms.

What does it mean to give my assent?

- You can only be part of this research study if you agree to join.
- If you agree to join, that is called giving your “assent.”

What will happen if I join this research study?

If you join this study,

- We will ask you or your parent to answer questions about you every week. This might go on for a few years. Most of the time, we will ask about your symptoms. At the start, and every summer after, we will also ask about your health and school.
- We will ask you or your parent to take a nose sample with a swab or a poop sample when you feel sick.

- We will take about two (2) spoonfuls of blood or less from your arm with a needle at the start, and every summer after. We may ask to take more blood after you get sick or get vaccinated.
- We may ask you to give samples of your saliva (spit) at the start of the study and after you get sick.
- We will look in your past doctor visits and use information about your care.

How long will I be in this research study if I join?

- You will be in this study until Summer 2028, or until funding runs out.

Will I be paid for joining the study?

- You will be paid for the activities you do for this study.
 - You will get between \$2 and \$10 for completing surveys.
 - You will get \$2 each time you take a nose swab.
 - You will get \$5 each time you give a poop sample.
 - You will get \$50 each time you give a blood sample.

Could anything bad happen if I join the study?

- Some of the tests might make you uncomfortable or the questions might be hard to answer.
- The poke to test your blood can hurt. Sometimes the needle can leave a sore spot in your arm or bruise on the skin.
- The nose swab may make your eyes water and your nose run.

Could the research help me?

- This research will not help you. We do hope to learn something from this research that will help other kids someday.

Do I have to be in this research study?

- If you do not want to be in the study, you do not have to.
- It is OK to say yes and change your mind later. You can stop being in the study at any time. If you want to stop, please tell the study team.

If I think of questions about the research study, who can I ask?

- You can ask questions any time.
- You can talk to your parents or any one on the study team.
- You can call 800-468-9700 or email pacc@marshfieldresearch.org.

Research Participant Assent

If you want to be in the research after we talk, please write your name below. We will write our name too. This shows we talked about the research and that you want to take part.

Signature of Participant

Date

Printed Name of Participant

Age

Signature of Person Obtaining Assent

Date

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