

the runny ear study

CHILD INFORMATION SHEET (6-10 YEARS)

**We want to find out the best way to help children with runny ears
Do you want to join our study?**

What is this study about?

To see if ear drops can make children's runny ears better.

Why me?

We are asking children with runny ears who are up to 16 years old to take part.

Why is it a good idea to take part?

You can help find out what is the best way to make runny ears better.

Do I have to do this?

No, it's up to you. You can say no at any time and you don't have to say why.

What will happen?

- 1) You will write your name on a form to say you want to take part.
- 2) When you go in to see the doctor or nurse, your mum or dad will answer some questions about you and your illness.
- 3) The doctor or nurse may give you some ear drops or some medicine to swallow, to try at home. Only some children will get ear drops. We want to find out whether ear drops, medicine you take if your runny ear doesn't get better or medicine you take straightaway, is best for children with runny ears.
- 4) Your mum or dad will give you the ear drops or the medicine for 7 days, and write down how you are in a special book for the next week.

What happens to your special book?

Your book will be kept in a safe place at the University of Bristol. We will look at your book and the books filled in by other mums and dads, think about how long it took for you to feel better and decide on the best way for doctors to treat other children like you who have runny ears. We will write about what we find but we will not tell anyone your name.

What if I change my mind?

You can change your mind at any time and nobody will be upset. Tell your mum or dad you do not want to do it anymore and they will tell the researcher. The researcher will then take your name out of the study.



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