

FAMILY INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH STUDY

Research Project: An Exploration of Feeding Issues in Children with Down Syndrome

What is this study about?

Children with Down Syndrome are frequently identified as having a range of feeding issues. We want to learn more about feeding skills in children with Down Syndrome.

As a participant in this study an appointment would be booked to do a single observation and assessment of your child eating by an occupational therapist. During this appointment parents will be asked to complete a questionnaire. The appointment would take about 1-1 ½ hours to complete including the questionnaire.

Your decision about whether or not you participate is entirely voluntary and will NOT affect the health care your child receives. If you decide to participate in the study your identity will not be revealed to anyone. Your privacy will be protected throughout the study. You or your family will not experience any harm as a result of participating in this study. In addition, there are no direct benefits to you or your child as a result of participating in this study.

We plan on publishing the results of this study and presenting it at research conferences to inform others about what we have learned from your experience.

This study is being conducted by Donna Vielhaber, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Rehabilitation Centre for Children. If you have any questions or concerns please call Donna at 453-9825