

WHAT IS INFLUENZA?

Influenza, or "the flu" is caused by a highly contagious virus spread by coughing and sneezing. It is often considered a mild disease, slightly worse than a cold but the flu has killed millions of people, including children, around the world.

Symptoms of the flu develop one to three days after infection and include chills, sweating, headache, cough and general muscle and joint pains.

In rare cases flu may lead to serious complications such as pneumonia or inflammation of the brain or heart.



HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE STUDY?

If you want to know more or book an appointment, one of the research nurses will be happy to talk to you. Please contact us on:

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or

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In Perth, this study is run by the research nurses and doctors at the Vaccine Trials Group, Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, in conjunction with Princess Margaret Hospital for Children.

The study is being sponsored by an Australian pharmaceutical company.



Flu vaccine study FOR KIDS





WHAT IS THE STUDY ABOUT?

There is increasing recognition in Australia and overseas about the benefits of vaccinating children to protect them against the flu.

Previous studies have found flu vaccines to be safe, well tolerated and effective in children.

This study will look at the effectiveness, safety, and tolerance of an Australian flu vaccine in children.



WHO CAN TAKE PART IN THE STUDY?

Healthy children aged between six months and eight years.



ARE THERE ANY COSTS TO ME?

No, there are no costs involved. All vaccines will be provided free of charge. Free parking is available during your visits.

WHAT DOES THE STUDY INVOLVE?

- An examination by a Princess Margaret Hospital doctor at each visit
- Five visits over approximately 12 to 15 months
- Two primary influenza vaccinations in the first month
- A booster influenza vaccination after 12 months
- Five blood tests over 13 months. An anaesthetic cream will be applied prior to all blood tests
- Parents will be asked to keep a record of any symptoms that may occur following each immunisation

All the information we collect will be kept confidential and secure.