Illinois Kids Development Study

We ask you to participate in a groundbreaking research study.

A research partnership: Carle Foundation Hospital Research, Christie Clinic, Presence Covenant Medical Center and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Help scientists discover how the environment impacts children’s development

Modern life brings many conveniences for busy parents. There are products that make laundry sparkling clean and perfumed, and hair and skin silky and glowing. Pre-packaged food is ready in minutes and quite tasty. Soft baby toys can be explored freely by little mouths and fingers without the dangers of choking or hurting. However, many of these everyday products are made with chemicals we know very little about.

You can help researchers learn if using these products can affect the health and development of our children.

What does the I-KIDS study involve?
Carle or Christie Ob-Gyn patients who are pregnant and in good health can join the study. If you agree to participate, a researcher will meet with you to get your approval for the following:

• Once during each trimester of pregnancy, you will provide a urine sample and answer surveys about your health, diet and products you use.
• Once during your pregnancy, the lab at your health care provider’s clinic will take a blood sample for our study to assess your metabolic status.
• When you give birth, you will answer some questions about your health, and labor and delivery.
• Before you leave the hospital, a researcher will measure your baby, including the length of the baby’s body and fingers. She will also check how long the baby looks at images of objects and faces.
• After you leave the hospital, the researchers will get additional health information about you and your baby from your health care provider’s medical records.
• During the first year, you will bring the baby to the I-KIDS Research Laboratory at the University of Illinois. At the visits we will:
  • Repeat the physical measurements taken at birth.
  • Look at how long your baby watches objects on a computer screen and/or in a puppet theater.
  • Ask you a few questions about your baby, including his or her health, diet and what products you use.
  • When your baby is 2 years old, we will ask you to complete additional questionnaires about your baby.

What will be done with the information collected?
The researchers will see if any of the chemicals contained in everyday products show up in the urine of pregnant women. They will also see if there is a relationship between the presence of chemicals in women’s urine and the development of their baby.

Who are the I-KIDS study researchers?
The study is being conducted by University of Illinois professors led by Dr. Susan Schantz.
What do I receive for joining the study?
Throughout the course of the study, you will receive gift certificates and other items as a thank you for participating in our study.

How will my privacy be protected?
Any information that can identify you or your baby (such as name and date of birth) will be removed from all of the study materials. All information collected will be kept in secure files accessible only to trained research staff.

Why is my participation important?
Your participation will be helping researchers learn if any of the chemicals present in household and personal care products can affect the health and development of babies.

Questions about the I-KIDS study?
Contact the I-KIDS research staff at (217) 333-5814 or at ikids-research@illinois.edu

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May we contact you about the I-KIDS study?

Let us know if a researcher can call you to tell you more about the I-KIDS study.

A Yes answer does not require you to join the study. It only allows the researcher to call to tell you more about the study and see if you are interested in joining. Please complete the information on the top portion of the back side of this card.

If you do not wish to hear more about the study please only complete the “no” section on the back of this reply card.

When you are done, please fold the card so that your answers are hidden and give the card to your practitioner to be dropped in the I-KIDS reply box.

OB-GYN Staff:
1. Record when card was collected:
   Date:_______(mm/dd/yyyy)  Time:____ AM/PM
2. Put reply card in I-KIDS box

THANK YOU!