



## ARON study - INFORMATION SHEET FOR CHILDREN

To be shown and read by parent/carer if required

### Study title

When you are sick, can the doctor help you get better safely without antibiotics?

#### 1. What is research?

Research is an experiment to find out the answer to an important question.

#### 2. Why is this research being done?

We want to try to find out if doctors can help you get better when you are sick, safely without prescribing you antibiotics unless they are needed. We want to help your doctor understand when antibiotics will help and when it is better to let your body defend itself.

#### 3. What are antibiotics?

Antibiotics are types of medicines that will search out and destroy bacteria (say bak-teer-i-a) that make you sick. Bacteria are very tiny creatures, which can live anywhere - on and in bodies, in water, in the ground and on anything you can touch. We need some bacteria to be able to live, but others can make us ill.

Antibiotics can work very well against bacteria, but they do not work against viruses, like colds and stomach flu. Your doctor should not give you antibiotics for these infections. Your body is able to fight of the viruses without help.

#### 4. Why me?

You have been chosen because you are currently sick. You can help us find some answers that will help us treat children better in the future.

We are asking 6111 children all together.

#### 5. Do I have to take part?

No you do not! It is up to you. We would like you to read this information sheet. We will ask your mum, dad or carer to write their name on the forms and give one back to your doctor. You can still change your mind later. If you don't want to take part, just say no!

#### 6. What will happen?

Then your doctor would like to simply ask you and your parents some questions. Your care will be unaffected. Some children might be asked to provide drop of blood from a fingerprick (see picture). This fingerprick might hurt briefly, but we only need 1 drop of blood to test how much of the infection can be found in your blood.



We will also give your parents a questionnaire through a smartphone app.

- The questions will ask how you are doing each day and what your parents then did, or who they consulted with.

Your care will be completely the same as if you refused to let us study you.

#### 7. What else might happen?

There are no risks to you in entering this study. Sometimes parents do not like to talk about their children's illness, but often this can in fact be helpful.

**Thank you for taking the time to read this – please ask any questions if you need to.**



**8. What happens when the research study stops?**

We will collect all the information together and we will decide if it is useful in telling us if the doctors can help sick children get better in the future.

**9. What if something goes wrong?**

Your mum, dad or carer will be able to talk to someone who will be able to tell them what they need to do about it.

**10. What if I don't want to do the research anymore?**

Just tell your mum, dad, carer, or doctor at any time. They will not be cross with you. You will still have the same care.

**11. What if I wish to complain about the study?**

If you want to complain, you or your mum, dad or carer can talk to your doctor or somebody of the study team.

**12. Will anyone else know I'm doing this?**

The people in our research team will know you are taking part. The doctor looking after you will also know. No one else will know because we will not use your name or address. You will get a number which will be used instead.

**13. What happens to what the researchers find out?**

When we collect your information we will make sure it is stored in a safe place and only the people doing the research study can look at it.

We will use the information to teach doctors about how to treat sick children, put it in medical magazines and on websites that doctors read.

No-one will know you were in the study.

**14. How can I find out more about this study?**

Your mum, dad, carer or other grownup you trust may be able to answer your questions. The doctor looking after you can also help you find out more about the study.

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.

_____	_____	_____
My name (written by child)	Date	Signature Doctor
_____	_____	_____
Name of doctor	Date	Signature Doctor

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