

HICCUP Confidentiality and Participation

Confidentiality

You and your family's name and other personal information will remain strictly confidential to protect your right to privacy. Your personal information will be made anonymous by assigning them a study identification number that will be used in all data bases and communications between researchers. Confidentiality will be respected and no information that discloses you or your family's identity will be released or published without consent unless required by law. This legal obligation includes a number of circumstances, such as suspected child abuse and infectious disease, expression of suicidal ideas where research documents are ordered to be produced by a court of law and where researchers are obliged to report to the appropriate authorities.

Participation

Participating in the study will not change your family's regular care in anyway. Participation in research is voluntary. If you choose not to participate, or if you choose on behalf of your child not to participate, you can withdraw your child at any time. You and your family will continue to have access to the same quality care at ACH. New findings developed during the course of the research which may impact on your willingness to continue will be provided to you in a timely fashion. Participating in this study does not mean you can't enrol in another study in this hospital or elsewhere. If changes are made to the study or new information that might affect your willingness to continue to participate in the research becomes available, you will be informed immediately. In no way does signing this form waive your legal rights or relieve the investigators, sponsors or involved institutions from their professional responsibilities.