



INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIANS

Study Title: Pragmatic Pediatric Trial of Balanced Versus Normal Saline Fluids in Sepsis (PRoMPT BOLUS)

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Your child has been enrolled into a research study. This process was approved by the IWK REB because the study is safe and potentially beneficial to participants, and because it is comparing two treatments that we know both work and are commonly used to treat your child's condition.

Your child's doctor determined that giving fluids through an intravenous (IV) was needed to treat your child. Because IV fluids needed to start right away, there was not time to review all details of the study and obtain your consent prior to beginning treatment.

There were several IV fluid options: Normal Saline and Balanced Fluids (either Lactated Ringer's (LR) or PlasmaLyte (PL)). All of these fluids are proven to treat sepsis, but we do not know if either Normal Saline or Balanced Fluids is best.

Doctors at IWK Health are doing this study to see if Normal Saline or Balanced Fluids is better in the treatment of sepsis. As part of the research your child will receive either Normal Saline or Balanced Fluids; your doctors are still in charge of when and how much fluid to give (and all other aspects of your child's care).

We know that it is very important for you to understand what the PRoMPT BOLUS study is. A member of the research team will arrange for a time to meet with you to provide more detailed information about the study and to respond to any and all of your questions.