

What is important to measure after children have planned operations for orthopaedic conditions affecting the leg, from hips to toes?

Information sheet for children aged 8-11 years old

To be shown and read by a parent/carer if required. If you need an audio or translated copy of this sheet, please let the research team know at CELLOS.study@ndorms.ox.ac.uk

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Introduction

My name is Eileen Morrow. I work at the University of Oxford.

I am doing some research. I would like you to join in. Research is how we try to find out the answers to questions.



I am researching children's planned leg surgery. This is any surgery from the hip to the toes. I want to know what researchers should measure to see if surgery works.

Researchers can measure lots of things. For example, they can measure if kids have less pain after surgery. They can measure if children can walk further after surgery.



Why have I been asked?

I am asking if you want to take part because you are between 8 and 25 years old. Also, because you have had planned surgery to your legs, or you will have surgery soon.

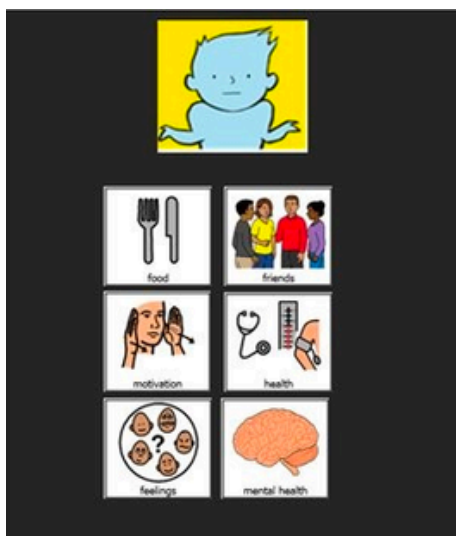
We are asking about five children and five parents to help us. Your parent or carer has said it is OK for you to join in, if you want.



Do I have to join in?

No. You don't have to if you don't want to! You can ask questions before choosing whether you want to join in.

You can change your mind at any time by telling your parent or carer. You don't have to say why. If you decide to stop, no one will be upset with you.



What will happen?

I will speak to you about your leg surgery. I will ask what you thought might change after surgery. I will ask about what did change after surgery. I might ask about other kids, and what you think their surgery will change. I might use some cards with pictures on. Or I might ask you to draw some pictures. They might make it easier for you to tell me how you feel.



I will speak to you one time. It will take about an hour. Your parent or carer will be with you. I will ask them questions too.



I can meet you online or face-to-face, you can choose. If you want to meet me face-to-face, you can choose where. I can speak to you at home or somewhere near your home.

I will record our chat using a voice recorder.



Will anything upset me?

You might be upset by the questions we ask you. This is more likely if your surgery didn't go well.

If you don't like any of the questions you are asked, you can tell me. I will change to a different question.



Will anyone else know I'm doing this?

The people in our research team will know you are taking part. No one else will know that you have helped me, unless you tell them.

If you tell me that you or someone you know is being hurt, I have to let other people know. I will tell you first if I have to do this.



Will joining in help me?

The research will not help you. It might help other children in the future.



Will I get anything for joining in?

After we meet, you will get a £20 gift voucher. This is a thank you for helping me.

You will also get a certificate for taking part.



What happens to what you find out?

I will keep what you say to me and the form you sign in a safe place. Only the people doing the research, or helping, can look at it.

I will use the information to write a book. I will write it for my exams. I will also write articles for magazines. I will also make a video to share what we find.



I might use your words when I tell people what I found. I also might use any pictures you draw with me. I will not use your name.



Is this study OK to do?

Before any research involving people happens it has to be checked by a group of people. They are called a Research Ethics Committee. They make sure that it is fair and safe.

This study has been checked by the Research Ethics Committee in Harrow.
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What if there is a problem or something goes wrong?

If you are not happy because of something that happened in the study, please talk to your parent or carer. They will let the researcher know.



Thank you for reading. Please ask us any questions you have!