

ARTIC PC

Antibiotics for chest Infections in children consulting with their GP

Parent Information Sheet Interviews

(Version 1).

Parents' views on using antibiotics for children with chest infections

Please read this participant information sheet carefully before deciding to take part in this study. If you are happy to participate, you will be asked to sign a consent form.

Why have I been contacted?

You have been asked to consider taking part because you have visited your GP surgery recently with a child who had a cough or a chest infection, when antibiotics are sometimes used. Surprisingly there is currently no clear evidence about how effective antibiotics are in children with chest infections. Whilst studies in adults have been carried out, it is difficult to apply this evidence to children.

This study aims to provide a better understanding of parent's perspectives of antibiotics including when they are used and when they are not used. The answers given will also help design studies which will answer the question about which children benefit from antibiotics, and which children will not benefit.

We wish to conduct a short interview to discuss your, and possibly your child's views of antibiotic use in children particularly in chest infections. The study has been reviewed by the South west Central – Bristol ethics committee (reference 15 SW 0300).

What's involved?

This study aims to investigate the perspectives, experiences and concerns of parents and children regarding chest infections and the use of antibiotics.

Parents or legal guardians will be asked to participate in a single semi-structured interview. Their answers will then be combined and looked at to find common themes (around experiences, views etc.).

What will happen to me if I decide to take part?

By taking part in this study, you are agreeing to have an interview (lasting between 30 minutes and an hour) at a time and place convenient for you and the researcher. The interview may be face to face or over the telephone. The interview will be 'semi-structured' i.e. you will be asked some questions but there will also be some general discussion about issues related to the study question that matter to you.

We will audio-record your interview with a Dictaphone. It will then be transcribed and read anonymously (any individual or place names will be deleted).

This study will not impact on your standard of care received.

Your GP will be notified that you are agreeing to take part in this study. The results of this study will be sent to you in a summary sheet at the end of the study.

Will my participation be confidential?

All data collected will be stored under the data protection act in line with University of Southampton guidelines. Data stored will only have an identification number on a password protected computer. Whilst direct quotes may be used, they will not be associated with you.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

There are no direct benefits in taking part in this research. However, by participating in the study, you will be helping future developments and prescribing guidelines for antibiotic use in children, and helping researchers understand the experience of taking part in trials.

What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

There are no obvious risks in taking part in this research. You may decline to answer questions if you wish to and this will not affect any of your care.

What happens if you change your mind?

You may withdraw from the interview or study at any point; however if your answers have already been included in the analysis, they will be kept in the study. Withdrawing will not affect your care in any way.

What happens if something goes wrong?

In the unlikely case of concern or complaint, please contact:

The Research Governance Office, Tel.023 8059 5058, Rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk

Many thanks for reading this information sheet.

If you would like to take part please return the attached form in the freepost envelope provided.

If you would like more information, please contact the ARTIC PC project manager Kim Harman by telephone 023 8024 4074 / 0778 6126108 or email k.harman@soton.ac.uk