

Participant Assent Form

Title of Research Project

CALIPER: Canadian Laboratory Initiative on Paediatric Reference Intervals

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Why are we doing this study?

CALIPER is a project at SickKids Hospital in Toronto and other pediatric hospitals across Canada. The study helps doctors find out what is healthy and normal in children's blood. Your blood sample will be able to help doctors find information on the levels of different markers in healthy blood. This information will help doctors that use blood tests to treat or diagnose sick children.

What will happen during the study?

Filling out the questionnaire.

Your parent will have already received information on this study through an information package which includes the invitation letter, questionnaire and consent form. The questionnaire asks things about what you eat, if you are on any medicines, etc. This will only take 10 minutes to do.

Your appointment to donate

If we are at your school, you can take part in the study during school hours. We can also schedule another appointment if your parent chooses to do so.

Day of your appointment

We will be going over your questionnaire with you and your parent. We will ask you a few questions and measure your height, waist and weight. Then, you will donate a small blood sample (about one tablespoon) from your arm. It may hurt a little bit and sometimes can feel like a pinch. This process will only take minutes.

Are there good things and bad things about the study?

There are many good things about this study. You will be helping doctors across Canada find out what is healthy and normal in children's blood. This information is helpful when doctors treat and diagnose their patients. Doctors can use CALIPER information to learn more about normal ranges and values.

When we take your blood sample, it may hurt a little. Some children say this feels like a pinch. Afterward, there may be a small bruise where the needle was. This can be sometimes scary but we will do everything to make you feel comfortable at your appointment.

Who will know what I did in the study?

All of the information from this study (your answers to the questionnaires and information from your blood) are kept in private. This means that only the people involved with the project can see what you did and the information you gave us. No one else will know what you did or said. This is the law.

Can I decide if I want to be in the study?

Nobody will be angry or upset if you do not want to be in the study. We are talking to your parent/legal guardians about the study and you should talk to them about it too. It is completely up to you if you want to stop participating at any time.

I was present when _____ read this form and said that he or
(Participant name)
she agreed or assented to take part in this study.

Printed name of CALIPER Team Member
who obtained assent

Signature

Date