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The Monitor Dental Practice Program

Child Participant Information Statement

Is non-invasive management of dental caries a cost-effective solution?

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CHILD PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Title: Is non-invasive management of dental caries a cost-effective solution?

(1) What is the study about?

We are interested to find out whether teaching people how to look after their teeth, including brushing more often and more effectively, changing what they eat, and using fluoride rinses, saves money and works better than drilling and filling. We are going to compare our new way of treating holes with the usual way your dentist treats these hole in your teeth.

(2) Who is carrying out the study?

Dr Bradley Curtis, from Sydney University. He is already a dentist, but he's gone back to school to try and learn more, so he can help teach other dentists the best way to treat people's teeth. His boss, Associate Professor Wendell Evans, knows a lot about this topic and will help make sure the research rules are properly followed.

(3) What does the study involve?

After your dentist checks your teeth (including x-rays), we will assess how likely you are to get holes in your teeth, based on what you eat, how well you brush, and whether you have had lots of holes before. You will (by chance) either be in a group that gets the new treatment, or the usual treatment given by your dentist. You won't be told which group you are in and you might not notice any difference at all.

We'll also ask you fill out a short questionnaire at the start of the study, and the same questionnaire at the end of the study. These questionnaires take about 15 minutes to complete and they ask you some questions about what type of dental treatment you prefer.

(4) How much time will the study take?

We will be checking your teeth, during your usual dental visits, over a three (3) year period.

(5) Do I have to go in the study?

No, being in this study is completely voluntary - you don't have to join if you don't want to and you can change your mind at any time. You can keep coming to your dentist and no one will get cross with you if you want to stop.

(6) Will anyone else know the results?

Nobody will know about how your teeth are going except the dentist and us (Brad and Wendell). We will write a big essay about the research but won't be using names or photographs.

(7) Will the study benefit me?

While we hope that this research helps dentists treat patients more successfully, it may not necessarily make your teeth any better.

(8) Can I tell other people about the study?

Yes, that is entirely up to you.

(9) What if I want to know more information?

When you have read this information, your dentist will discuss it with you further and answer any questions you may have. If you would like to know more at any stage, please feel free to contact him directly on 0404010381 or bradc@health.usyd.edu.au

(10) What if I'm unhappy with how the study is making me feel?

When you have read this information, Dr Bradley Curtis will discuss it with you further and answer any questions you may have. If you would like to know more at any stage, please feel free to contact Dr Curtis. This information statement is for you to keep.

Any person with concerns or complaints about the conduct of a research study can contact the Manager for Ethics Administration, University of Sydney on Ph: (02) 9351 4811 Fax: (02) 9036 9310

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