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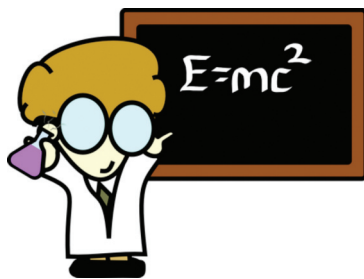


Genetics of Otitis Media Study

Information Sheet (Child 6-10)

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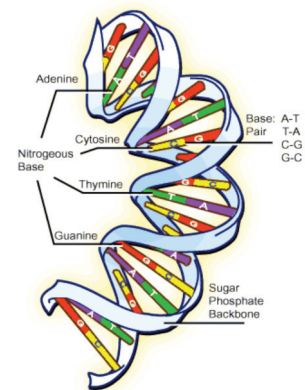
Why do some children get ear infections?
Why do some children get problems with hearing?
Why do some children have to have grommets put into their ears?
Doctors aren't sure why these problems happen.



Doctors want to find out why you, or your brother or sister, has a problem with their ear.
We are asking you if we can have a sample of your spit and that of your family to test why this might happen. Your mum or dad will give us permission to do this but we want you to know about it too.

We will ask you to spit into a little pot, or if you can't manage this we can put a little stick (like a lollipop) in your mouth to collect spit. It won't hurt you at all.

We can use your spit to collect something called DNA, which is a chemical that gives instructions to your body on how to grow. Nobody will know that the DNA has come from you. Doctors want to understand why some children's DNA makes them get ear problems, but other children's DNA doesn't.



You don't have to take part in this research, but if you do it might help doctors to treat other children who have problems with their ears. If you don't want to take part you don't have to and nobody will be cross with you.

Before research happens, people have to make sure it is fair. The hospital has checked this research is OK and so has a group of people called a Research Ethics Committee.

Ask mum or dad, or the doctor if you want to know anything more.

Thank-you for your help.