

You could help us learn more about how children heal after hypospadias surgery

Researchers in the **Urology Division at Connecticut Children's Hospital** want to find ways to improve surgery for hypospadias by looking at growth factors. Growth factors are chemicals that the body uses to grow and heal. We are letting you know about this research study because your child has an upcoming surgery with our division.

Research is always voluntary

What would happen if I took part in the study?

If you decide to have your child take part in the research study:

- We will take two urine samples from your child
 - The first would be after they have gone to sleep and before their surgery
 - The second would be in clinic when your child is awake
- Urine samples will be collected by pushing on your child's belly
- We will test your child's urine for levels of common growth factors and levels of creatinine
- We would also collect some basic information about your child

There are no benefits to you if you take part in the study. Your decision to take part in the study or not will not affect your child's care at Connecticut Children's Hospital.

How can I take part in this study?

A research staff member will call you to talk with you about the study.

If you give your permission, a research staff member will talk with you on the day of your child's surgery to get your consent.

For more information

To learn more about the research study please contact the principal investigator, Dr. Courtney Rowe at Crowe@connecticutchildrens.org