

# Does your child have an antibiotic allergy?

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## Kids needed for a **SPECIAL** Study!

Many adults and children who have been labelled as antibiotic-allergic, may actually not be allergic to antibiotic at all!

If your child carries a false label of antibiotic allergy, they may not be treated with the best antibiotics which can impact on their care.

We are carrying out a study at Perth Children's Hospital to see if we can confirm or remove allergy labels.

## What's involved?

This voluntary study which runs over two years, involves a phone call with one of the friendly study doctors and the opportunity of a de-labelling challenge in a safe environment. Everyone will receive follow up phone calls to look at the effect of the antibiotic allergy on their child's health care.

## Who is eligible?

Children aged 1 to 16 with an allergy to an antibiotic.



## Need more information?

Contact the SPECIAL study team on  
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This study has been approved by the Child and Adolescent Health Service Ethics Committee and Perth Children's Hospital and is funded thanks to a grant from Perth Children's Hospital Foundation.



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## **What will be the benefit of the study?**

This study aims to benefit other people, especially children, in the future in several ways. We hope it will allow us to develop faster tests for antibiotic allergies that could be conducted at the bedside. The process of de-labelling patients as antibiotic allergic means that more appropriate antibiotics could be used for that patient in the future. The benefit of this could mean less overall development of antibiotic resistance, less cost to the healthcare system and the possibility of shorter hospital stays and fewer re-admissions due to antibiotic failure.

## **Who has approved and funded the study?**

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## **Who to contact for more information about the study:**

If you would like any more information about this study, please contact the research team. They are very happy to answer your questions.

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