

Research Study for CHILDREN with ECZEMA

Researchers at the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research in PERTH and the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute at the Royal Children's Hospital in MELBOURNE are taking part in the world first Global Prevention of Asthma in Children (GPAC) study. The research, sponsored by the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and conducted by the U.S. Immune Tolerance Network may prevent children with eczema from developing asthma.

Childhood eczema can be a sign of progressive allergic disease, where two thirds of cases can eventually lead to asthma. The study needs children who:

- have a history of eczema;
- have a family history of eczema, hay fever or asthma;
- are younger than 2½ years;
- do not have asthma.

All children who participate will need to take daily drops under the tongue for a 12-month period. Some children will receive drops containing tiny doses of common allergens; house dust mite, cat and grass. The aim is to make the immune system recognise these allergens as normal, rather than over reacting.

Families interested in receiving more information should visit our website www.globalasthmastudy.com or contact the Study Coordinators:

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