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Study of Blood Diseases

Child donor information sheet (aged 6 to 10)

You are in hospital because your blood has become poorly which is making you ill. We are asking you if we can look carefully at your blood to see if we can find out why it is not working properly. If we can find out why your blood has become poorly, we hope to make better medicines to help children get better more quickly.

We would like to use some of the blood that the nurses and doctors take from you for our special tests. We also would like to brush inside your mouth (like a tooth brush) to get some spit. We would also like to take a single hair from your head. All of this is very quick and does not hurt.

You can talk to your family and friends as well as the doctors and nurses about why we do the special extra tests.

It is up to you and your parents / guardians to decide if you want to give the blood, hair and mouth spit to us. If you are happy with this, the adults looking after you will have to sign a bit of paper which says it is OK.