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| **What about the research ethics?** |

**What do the researchers say about the *ethics* of the research?**

In their ethics application to the Research Ethics Committee, the researchers say the following things about the *ethics* of the study:

* Children and young people will be told about the study by their doctors. They will be given an information sheet telling them what the study is about and what they are being asked to do. Parents of the children and young people will be also given an information sheet and letter and asked to give written permission (consent) for their child to take part.
* The children and young people who will be invited to take part may already know the professor who is leading the research project, as he is the doctor for some of them.
* Children and young people can only take part if their parents give permission. If parents say no, the child or young person will not be able to take part, even if they want to.
* The researchers say the treatments are safe to use; many people already take Exhalin and Verabreath.
* The researchers will work closely with the young people’s or children’s GP and the children and young people can stop taking part in the research at any time if they want to, or if they feel unwell.
* The researchers think it might be possible that some children might miss out on things they like to do – such as playing sports or missing school whilst they attend the hospital.
* The researchers will tell the young people and children, and their parents, that everything they say in the questionnaire will be kept confidential and that they will not be identified by name, but the things they find out might be written up and published in a research journal or report for others to read.
* The researchers say that they will keep all the children’s information in a secure place (on a computer with a secure password).

**What do you think about the *ethics* of the research?**

* Do you think the researchers have missed anything important?
* What do you think the researchers and the Research Ethics Committee should consider before the study can take place?
* Would you take part? If you were taking part a participant in this study, what would you like to know about or what might you be worried about?