



The Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation of Baylor College of Medicine is now recruiting participants for a new study of traumatic brain injury. We are distributing this brochure to the parents of children who may have had a severe brain injury when they were very young. We would like to invite you and your child to participate in a research study, *Trauma to developing brain: model refinement and therapeutic intervention* under the direction of Dr. Harvey Levin at Baylor College of Medicine. Participation in the project is entirely voluntary.

ELIGIBILITY & BENEFITS FOR PARTICIPATION

You and your child together will receive at least \$100 for the confidential evaluation.

Children must:

- 1) Be between the ages of 11 and 16 years old
- 2) Have suffered a moderate to severe traumatic brain injury when they were 2 to 5 years of age.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The information gathered in this study is not released to anyone without your written permission. Also, you may withdraw from the study at any time.

WHAT IS THE PARENT'S ROLE IN THIS STUDY?

As a parent, you will be required to give consent for your child to participate in the study, and you will also fill out some forms to answer questions about your child and family.

TIME COMMITMENT AND TEST STRUCTURE

If you are interested in participating, your child will complete the testing in one appointment. Each child will take tests of memory and learning that last about 2 hours. These tests are paper and pencil or computer tests that are similar to games, and most children enjoy them. If a child becomes tired during the testing, he or she can take a short break.

In addition, your child will have MRI, which is a non-invasive method for providing very clear images of the brain. This procedure will last for 1 and one half hours. **The MRI will be performed without cost to you at Texas Children's Hospital in the Medical Center, and you will receive a copy of the MRI report after the evaluation.**

No other medical procedures are performed as part of this study.

PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY

The study will help us understand how to improve methods of treatment for children who suffer a traumatic brain injury, especially in the areas of memory and learning.



CONTACT INFORMATION

If you would like to find out more about the study, please call

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Any information your family could provide would be very valuable to us. We look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks to you for your consideration.



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