Rare diseases of the bone, joint and vessels Study (RUDY)

The RUDY study received a favourable ethical opinion from the South Central – Berkshire B REC

We would like to invite you to take part in a research study. Before you decide, it is important for you to understand what the study is about and what will happen to you if you take part. Please read this leaflet carefully and ask us about anything that you do not understand.

What is the study for?
This study is trying to improve the understanding of rare diseases affecting the bones, joints or blood vessels. We are working with doctors and researchers from all over the United Kingdom who are helping us gather information from their patients who have these conditions. The results of all this work may help us to understand these rare diseases and give better tests and treatments to children with these diseases in future.

Why have I been chosen to take part?
You are under 16 years old and you have a rare disease or have a relative who has a rare disease of the bones, joints and/or blood vessels.

What will happen if I take part?
We will ask you to tell us how you feel by asking you to fill out some questionnaires and an online diary. You can do this on the RUDY website. We will also ask your doctors what treatments you have had.

What will happen to my data?
The information we collect about you will be labelled only with your study number. Your name will be stored separately and safely. Only the nurse and doctor will know who you are.

Do I have to take part?
You do not have to take part if you do not want to. The research may not help you, but we hope the information learned from the study will help other children with rare diseases in the future. You can change your mind about taking part at any time without saying why. If you withdraw from the study your standard care and treatment will not be affected.

What happens afterwards?
The study results will be made available for you to read on an Internet website. We will send you a newsletter update every year. We would also like your permission to ask you to take part in future studies.

If you have any questions, you can contact us at any time. Email Dr. MK Javaid at rudy@ndorms.ox.ac.uk or call 07775541615.

Thank you for reading this information leaflet.