

Eczema Care Online

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We would like to invite you to take part in our research study which is funded through the NHS and led by a team at the University of Southampton. This leaflet explains why the research is being done and what it would involve for you.

What is the study about?

The aim of this study is to develop and test online resources designed to help people to manage their eczema, or their child's eczema, as effectively as possible. We would like to ask young adults with eczema, parents of children with eczema and their children about their views and what they would find most helpful.

Why have I been invited?

You have been invited to take part in this study because your GP records suggest that you/your child have consulted about your child's skin, you have attended a clinic about your child's skin or you responded to an advert about this study.

Do I have to take part?

No, it is up to you whether you take part. This information sheet can help you decide. You can phone us if you have any questions about the study on 02380 591753. We will not tell your doctor whether or not you agree to take part. Your current or future care will not be affected whether you choose to take part or not.

What will happen to me if I take part and what do I have to do?

There are 2 optional parts to the study:

1. Survey - This will involve completing a questionnaire about treatment and your experiences of your child's eczema, which may be completed on line if you would prefer <https://www.isurvey.soton.ac.uk/25998>.
2. Interview – This will involve a chat with a researcher about your/your child's experiences of eczema. You will also be asked about what information you feel you need about eczema, or may have needed in the past. This will take 30-45 minutes on a date and time that suits you. You can choose to have the chat in your home or at the University of Southampton or via Skype or telephone and you will be given a £10 gift voucher for your time.

You can choose if you want to take part in the interview or the survey, or you can take part in both.

Will my taking part be kept confidential?

Yes. All information about you will be kept strictly confidential. Information would only be shared outside the study if it seemed someone was in danger. The chat will be recorded and what you say will be typed up with all names removed. Contact details are held in a separate secure file on a University computer or locked in a filing cabinet. These details and the recordings will be destroyed at the end of the study. Your personal information (names and contact details) will not be shared with anyone else. Anonymous information (names and other details removed) may be shared with other researchers or for training purposes.

What will happen to the results of the study?

We may use quotes from interviews and surveys in reports but will remove any information that makes it possible for you to be identified. We can send you a summary of the results at the end of the study, if you'd like one.

Who is organising and funding this research?

This study is organised by researchers at the University of Southampton, and it is funded by the National Institute of Health Research (the NIHR is the research organization for the NHS) through a Programme Grant for Applied Research.

What will happen if I don't want to carry on with the study?

That's fine. You can stop at any time, without giving a reason. You can also ask that all the information you have given is not used in the study.

Who has reviewed the study?

All research in the NHS is looked at by an independent group of people, called a Research Ethics Committee. This study has been reviewed and approved by the Wales 7 Research Ethics Committee. This study is also supported by the University of Southampton.

What if there is a problem?

If you wish to complain, or have any concerns about any aspect of this study please contact study coordinator, Dr Emma Teasdale on 02380 591753. You may also contact the Research Integrity and Governance manager at the University of Southampton (email rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk or telephone 023 8059 5058.)

What next?

If you wish to take part in the survey please complete the questionnaire in this pack and return it in the attached FREEPOST envelope or complete it online

<https://www.isurvey.soton.ac.uk/25998>.

If you are happy to chat to a researcher then please fill in and return the reply slip and we will get in touch to arrange a time for us to chat with you and answer any questions you may have.

Further information and contact details

ECO study team, Primary Care and Population Sciences, University of Southampton, Southampton, SO17 1BJ, Tel: 02380 591753, Email: eco@soton.ac.uk

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME