



Parents' Research Advisory Group

Parents' Research Advisory Group (PRAG) Expression of Interest Form

This form is to give you information about our Parent's Research Advisory Group, or PRAG.

Introduction

- We are conducting a research project with kids.
- We need help planning our study and so we are asking parents and caregivers, and their children, to help us.

What is a PRAG?

Parents' and Caregivers'
Research
Advisory
Group

A PRAG is a group of parents and caregivers who help us do research by telling us what they think about our study.

We will invite parents and caregivers of children who join our CRAG (Children's Research Advisory Group). Only one parent or caregiver per child will be asked to join the PRAG so that we keep our group the same size as the CRAG.

Why do we need help planning our study?

Our research study, **The Kid's Trial**, is a type of study called a randomised trial that is co-created and conducted with children. To make the project better, we are asking children and their caregivers to help us plan it. We are forming a PRAG and a Children's Research Advisory Group (CRAG) to help us do this.

We would like the input of parents and caregivers to hear their opinions on our website, language and design choices and help the members of the CRAG feel comfortable doing the same.

What is a randomised trial?

We are health researchers who focus on randomised trials.

- A randomised trial is a type of study which randomly places people that are similar to each other into groups (normally 2 or more groups) to see if an intervention (for example, doing a type of exercise, or taking a medicine when we're sick) makes a difference to their health.
- One group in the trial gets the intervention or treatment, and the other group does not. After the trial is finished we look to see if the intervention made a difference to outcomes we are interested in.



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Who are we asking to join the PRAG?

We are looking for about eight parents/caregivers who:

- can speak and understand English well,
- want to be part of the project and help their child participate.

How much time will being part of the PRAG take?

- The PRAG will meet about 5 times over the next months.
- Each meeting shouldn't take us more than 45 minutes.
- All the meetings will be online over Zoom.
 - If you don't know how to use Zoom that's ok! We can show you.

What does joining the PRAG mean?

If you join the PRAG your job will be to:

- Help us come up with explanations about the project that make sense to kids and parents.
- Tell us your ideas and opinions about our website, designs, and the language that we use on our website.
- Help your child with their role in the Children's Advisory Group (CRAG)
 - Children who join the CRAG will meet with us about 6 times over the next months using Zoom. The first time we meet with the CRAG, we will ask that you join your child to help them feel comfortable.
 - CRAG members will be asked to give their input on our logo, colour schemes and design for our website, and language that we use.
- If you and your child agree you want to join, we'll send you more information about **The Kid's Trial** and when we will have our first meeting.

How do I join the PRAG?

If you would like to join, please fill out the below form and return it to: TheKidsTrial@universityofgalway.ie
Please ensure your child fills out their Children's Research Advisory Group (CRAG) statement of interest form too!



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Who are we?

We are health researchers who study randomised trials. The leader of the project, Simone, and her supervisor, Professor Devane work at the University of Galway in Ireland. Dr Flight works in the UK.

Contact Details

Project lead: Simone Lepage s.lepage1@universityofgalway.ie

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What is your name?	
What is your child's name?	
What country do you live in?	
What email address should we use to contact you and your child?	
Why are you interested in being part of the PRAG? (you can choose more than one).	☐ I want to know more about health research and trials. ☐ I want to help my child be part of this project. ☐ I want to help researchers do a better job working with kids. ☐ Not sure, I'm curious
If you have more to say about why you want to take part, please add that here.	
I understand that if I have any questions I can contact the researchers.	☐ YES ☐ NO
I understand that I can stop being part of the PRAG at any time.	☐ YES ☐ NO
How did you hear about The Kid's Trial PRAG?	☐ Facebook ☐ Instagram ☐ Twitter ☐ Colleague, friend or family member
I would like to join the Parents'/Caregivers' Research Advisory Group (PRAG).	☐ YES ☐ NO

If you are not invited, this only means we had a lot of interest from where you live. Your child can still be part of **The Kid's Trial** when it starts and we hope they will!

We hope that being part of the **PRAG** is fun and informative for the parents who join us. We think it's a good way to get involved in research and a project that is created with and for kids!

A copy of this form will be securely stored in The University of Galway until The Kid's Trial concludes.

A copy of this form will be returned to the participant.