

## THE PERINATAL RESEARCH REPOSITORY

*Answers to how you can provide valuable information  
that will aid in understanding preterm birth*



*Ohio Perinatal Research Network members include Nationwide Children's Hospital  
and The Ohio State University Medical Center.*

## ABOUT THE REPOSITORY

The Ohio Perinatal Research Network (OPRN) is a research collaborative dedicated to a better understanding of preterm birth and other pregnancy related conditions. A major initial effort of OPRN is the Perinatal Research Repository, where clinical data and specimens from infants delivered prematurely and their mothers and/or fathers will be stored and used in current and future research.

## WHY IS PRETERM BIRTH RESEARCH IMPORTANT?

The information gathered will be used in research about how to prevent, diagnose and treat preterm birth and the diseases and complications that may result from preterm birth. The repository will contain medical information and specimens from participants at many locations that will be stored in one central location. All identifying information will be kept private.

## WHAT DOES PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY INCLUDE?

We will collect basic information about you and your child, as well as information from your medical records. We will also collect specimens from you and your child such as blood, urine and saliva.

## WHERE DOES THE STUDY TAKE PLACE?

The study is taking place at participating OPRN facilities in various outpatient clinics and inpatient units. We will make every effort to collect all specimens and data while you are visiting an OPRN facility.

## WHEN WILL MY PARTICIPATION START?

You will be enrolled in this research study after you sign a consent form and medical release form. We will also collect your specimens at this time. Your active participation in this study is complete once your data and specimens have been collected. If you agree, you may be contacted for future studies. Participation is voluntary and you can withdraw at any time.

## WHAT ARE THE PHYSICAL RISKS OF BEING IN THIS STUDY?

There are minimal side effects associated with having your blood drawn.



## WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

Participation does not cost you anything.

## WILL I, OR MY FAMILY, RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR PARTICIPATION?

Mothers will be given \$20 cash for each trimester of participation and \$20 cash for participating after your baby is born. Fathers will be given \$20 cash one time for their participation.

## WHO SHOULD I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS STUDY?

Call (614) 366-6918 to enroll or for more information. Enrollment is ongoing. Individual results will not be available to study participants.