

Voice-related quality of life in dysphonic children

Research Subject Fact Sheet

What is the purpose of this study?

The purpose of this study is to develop a questionnaire to evaluate the effect that a hoarse voice may have on a child's life. This questionnaire will help us determine if the treatments we use for hoarseness are helping. We are inviting 180 children and families to participate.

What is being done in this study?

We are meeting with children and their families and are asking some questions about their voice, and how they feel it may or may not influence their feelings, activities, and relationships. People can skip any questions that they do not want to answer. Children over 8 years old will be interviewed separately from their parents, but children age 7 or younger, will be interviewed with their parents in the room. We would like to record the interview on an audio-recorder so that we can listen to it later and make a record of the answers, but we will not record the interview if people do not want us to.

How can you participate?

If you (or your child) are between the ages of 2 and 18 and have had a hoarse voice for at least the last 6 months, you may be eligible for this study. Prior treatment or voice therapy is OK. If you would like to learn more about this study, please contact our pediatric nurse coordinator, Kari McConnell at (608) 265-8825.