



## No More Hand-Me-Downs: Research Designed for Children A Website for Educating Parents and Pediatric Healthcare Providers about Pediatric Clinical Research

We all know that children are not “little adults” when it comes to treating their health problems. They need medications, devices and treatments designed especially for their unique medical conditions, not to mention their developing brains and bodies. Clinical research in children is the best way to determine which therapies are safe and effective for children, but all too often children must rely instead on hand-me-downs from adult clinical research.

One reason for this is that the prospect of children participating in research often gives pause to parents and providers alike because the concepts and safeguards are poorly understood. A comprehensive new award-winning NIH web-based educational tool can help erase the confusion, allay the concerns, and empower parents and children with the information they need to understand clinical research and make informed decisions about participating in a study. In a format geared to all educational levels, the site combines text, graphics, and documentary film based on hundreds of hours of interviews with experts, parents, and children themselves to give viewers an “inside view” of pediatric clinical research.

You will find the site useful in helping you to answer your patients’ questions about research. Families who are contemplating enrolling their child in a clinical study can use the information to augment their understanding and complement the informed consent process. The site has sufficient content to be used as an educational tool for trainees and junior faculty about the key concepts of pediatric clinical research. You can also download the DVD-based documentaries to run in your waiting room.

Please visit the site at [www.ChildrenAndClinicalStudies.nhlbi.nih.gov](http://www.ChildrenAndClinicalStudies.nhlbi.nih.gov).