



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Dear SMILE Family,

You are invited to participate in the research project 'SMILE for School' as described below.

What is the project about?

The **SMILE for School** Project is a continuation of the Study of Mothers' and Infants' Life Events Affecting Oral Health (SMILE) 2013-17 that you and your child have been part of. This new phase of the project aims to look at factors affecting child oral health before starting school and when baby teeth are replaced by adult teeth.

Who is undertaking the project?

This project is being conducted by an international research team led by Associate Professor Loc Do. The team includes Associate Professor Rebecca Golley, a dietician at the Flinders University; Dr Diep Ha, a dental researcher at The University of Adelaide; Dr Sam Leary, a statistician at the University of Bristol, UK; Professor David Manton, a paediatric dentist at the University of Melbourne; Professor Jane Scott, a dietician at Curtin University, Western Australia; Professor Murray Thomson, a dental researcher at the University of Otago; NZ; and Professor John Spencer, a dental researcher at The University of Adelaide.

Why am I being invited to participate?

You and your child have been participating in the SMILE 2013-17 research project. We would like your continued participation as we plan to continue the project until your child is at least 7 years of age.

What will I be asked to do?

Participation in the study involves completing questionnaires when your child turns 5 and 7 years, and attending a dental check-up for you and your child. Dental check-ups will be conducted at South Australian Dental Service School Clinics. However, if this is not convenient, a home visit can be arranged.

The questionnaires will collect data about your and your child's dental health behaviours and practices, dietary patterns, dental visiting patterns, your own health and lifestyle and your perception of the importance of dental health behaviours.

The dental check-up is similar to a check-up you'd receive at a normal dental visit. No X-rays, medications or treatment will be provided. The check-up will be conducted by trained and standardised qualified dental practitioners. We will discuss with you any dental health issues that are found at the check-up of yourself and your child.

In some cases, we may ask for your consent to take photos of your child's teeth. If taken, those photos will not include facial features that may identify your child.

How much time will the project take?

Each questionnaire will take up to 30 minutes to complete. You can choose to complete the questionnaire online or on a paper-based form. The dental check-up for both you and your child will take up to 30 minutes.

Are there any risks associated with participating in this project?

No risk is expected from participating in this project.

What are the benefits of the research project?

While there may not be direct benefit to you and/or your child from participating in this project, its findings will provide valuable information to understand why some young children have dental decay. Such information will be used to inform policies aimed at preventing childhood dental decay.

Can I withdraw from the project?

Participation in this project is completely voluntary. If you agree to participate, you can withdraw from the study at any time. If you choose to withdraw from the whole or part of the project it will not have any impact on you and your child.

What will happen to my information?

All information collected will be strictly confidential. The personal information that you provide is accessible only by the principal investigator of this project, Associate Professor Loc Do. All identifying information will be removed from your and your child's dental health data prior to storage on The University of Adelaide's secure network. Only named investigators will have access to the data.

The information collected will be analysed to explore possible associations with child dental health. The findings will be published in relevant scientific journals. Any reports on study findings will only display combined data in order to maintain confidentiality. No information on personal details including address, age and gender that may enable re-identification of a study participant will be published.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the project?

Please contact the SMILE for School team on 1800 333 370 (free-call) or email smile@adelaide.edu.au or SMS to 0436 189 334.

What if I have a complaint or any concerns?

The study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee at the University of Adelaide (approval number H-2018-017). If you have questions or problems associated with the practical aspects of your participation in the project, or wish to raise a concern or complaint about the project, then you should consult the Principal Investigator, Associate Professor Loc Do on (08) 8313 3964.

If you wish to speak with an independent person regarding a concern or complaint, the University's policy on research involving human participants, or your rights as a participant, please contact the Human Research Ethics Committee's Secretariat:

Phone: +61 8 8313 6028

Email: hrec@adelaide.edu.au

Post: Level 4, Rundle Mall Plaza, 50 Rundle Mall, ADELAIDE SA 5000

Any complaint or concern will be treated in confidence and fully investigated. You will be informed of the outcome.

If I want to participate, what do I do?

We will send you a questionnaire via email or to your postal address with instructions on how to complete it. We will then contact you to organise a convenient time for a dental check-up.

Yours sincerely,



On behalf of the SMILE for School research team

A/Prof Loc Do

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