

The early use of **A**ntibiotics in 'at **R**isk' **C**hildren with **I**nfluenza



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Does your child have any of the following?

- Lung problems (e.g. asthma)
- Diabetes (type 1 or type 2) or other metabolism problems
- Born prematurely and under 2 years of age
- Neurological disability (e.g. cerebral palsy)
- Genetic problems (e.g. Down's syndrome)
- Heart problems (e.g. congenital heart disease)
- Kidney problems (e.g. chronic kidney disease)
- Liver problems (e.g. chronic hepatitis)
- Immune system problems (e.g. HIV infection, on steroids or chemotherapy)
- Sickle cell disease

If so, you and your child may be interested in taking part in the ARCHIE study if your child gets flu this winter.

Children with any of the problems listed above are at greater risk of complications from flu or flu-like illness than otherwise healthy children.

We are doing the ARCHIE study to find out whether giving antibiotics to these 'at risk' children **within the first 5 days of developing flu-like symptoms** can help stop them from becoming more unwell from bacterial infections, such as chest infections and ear infections.

To find out more or register your interest in taking part, please visit our website or talk to your doctor or nurse.



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