Welcome! The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences and Children’s Hospital of Michigan know that people are interested in helping advance science, particularly in areas that matter to their loved ones. While the information learned may not help patients today, it will improve the medicine and health information available to future patients - and that is important.

Our lab is always looking for kids and teens to participate in our research. It is only through the interest and contributions of research participants and their families that we are able to learn about the brain.

Please contact us for more information.

What Is This Study About?
We are working to develop a greater understanding of children’s brain development, and how this relates to Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. We hope the research in our lab can help lead to new solutions.

What Happens When I Visit Children’s Hospital of Michigan?
Our current study takes about five hours to complete, usually over the course of 2 visits.

On your first visit, we will interview you and your child, we will ask you some questions about your thoughts and feelings, we will also ask you to complete paper and pencil tests, and your child will play some computer games. During this visit you and your child will also provide us with a genetic sample, either by spitting in a container or by providing a blood sample. We will also talk to you about the MRI, how it works, and we will answer any questions you have. This visit will take about 3-5 hours.

On your second visit, we will take pictures of your brain using Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI). During the MRI you will just rest and remain still. You will be inside the MRI machine for about two hours.

What is an MRI Scan?
“MRI” stands for magnetic resonance imaging. This is a big machine that is used to measure brain activity. MRI does not hurt and is not harmful. We encourage you to look for more information on MRI and learn about this cool technology for taking safe and beautiful brain pictures. Click on the MRI link to learn more about the MRI at Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

Will I be Paid for Being in the Study?
Participants can receive up to $218.
Can I Be in This Study?
We are looking for children between the ages of 5 and 19 who have obsessive compulsive disorder, their siblings, AND children who have never experienced mental health problems.

Will anyone know I was in this study?
NO. After your visit, your name is replaced with a number and no identifying information is associated with your data. All of our studies are reviewed and approved by the Wayne State Human Investigation Committee, which consists of a group of people who review research studies to ensure that our studies are ethically-sound and safe for our participants. If you have questions about this process, you can contact this committee at (313) 577-1628.

How will I make an appointment?
Appointments will be set up to meet your scheduling needs. If you are interested, you can email us at ad3830@wayne.edu or call (313) 745-4645 for more information.

Where will the study take place?

This study takes place at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan, in the lab of Dr. David Rosenberg.

Who can I talk to about this study?
Dr. David Rosenberg, Chair of Wayne State University’s Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences and Chief of Child Psychiatry and Psychology at Children’s Hospital of Michigan, is the director of this study.

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If you would like to find out more about your general rights as a participant of this study, you can call the Wayne State Human Investigation Committee at (313) 577-1628.

We thank you for your interest!

Help us learn more about the brain.