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Endoscopic Lavage after Intraventricular Haemorrhage in Neonates

Dear Parent

We would like to invite you to take part in a research project that we are running at Great Ormond Street. We understand that this is a difficult time for you and we appreciate you making the effort to consider this letter. If you do not wish to be involved in the project please inform a member of the team and be assured that this will not in any way impact on the quality of the care that your child receives.

The aim of the research is to work out the best way to treat brain bleeds in premature babies, specifically to test whether washing out the blood from the ventricular system improves outcome.

If you agree to take part in the study then your child will be randomized into one of two groups, the control group will receive the current best treatment whilst the intervention group will undergo ventricular washout followed by the current best treatment.

Whilst ventricular washout for the treatment of brain bleeds is relatively new and its benefits remain unclear, the team at GOSH use neuroendoscopy (the proposed technique for washing out the ventricle) routinely and can provide the techniques needed safely and effectively without increased risk to your child. Full details of the procedure and what it entails will be provided by the Neurosurgery team at Great Ormond Street, but please feel free to discuss any aspects of the trial that you would like to clarify.

Thank you again for your time

Yours faithfully

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