

Participate in Research

Reconsidering clown practices in children's hospitals



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Have you hung out with Dr. Flap and Nurse Flutter lately?

Consider participating in an observational research study about clowns!

What is this study about:

Our aim is to explore the silly and "foolish" ways therapeutic clowns and kids play together in the hospital and how kids experience this playing.

Who can participate?

We are looking for kids who:

- Are clients on the inpatient unit
- Have engaged with therapeutic clowns
- Aged 5-21

What's involved?

- Hang out and play with the clowns as you normally would – which we will observe and videotape
 - Observations will be from 1 – 5 times over a 6 week period
- Participate in one interview (optional)
 - Interviews would be up to an hour (max)
 - Scheduled at your convenience and your preferred location

What are the benefits of participating?

- We hope the study will help us understand and improve the kind of care that therapeutic clowns provide

Participants who are interviewed will receive a small token of appreciation to thank them for their time.

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