



100,000 babies are about to change the world. Yours could be one of them.

Perspectives



Dr. Patrick Van Winkle
Pediatric Hospitalist at
Kaiser Permanente

"We are very excited about being involved in the study," said Patrick Van Winkle, MD, pediatric hospitalist at Kaiser Permanente.

Kaiser Permanente is one of the hospitals in Orange County that the National Children's Study is building a partnership with. Dr. Van Winkle is the liaison between the Orange County Vanguard Center and Kaiser Permanente.

"It is the largest study of its kind, national in scope, and ground breaking in its potential," Dr. Van Winkle said. "We know that our patients and children around the world will benefit from the work."

Kaiser Permanente has provided health care to Californians for more than 60 years. As the largest nonprofit health plan in the state, they serve more than 390,000 members in Orange County alone. Ten outpatient facilities around Orange County provide maternity and pediatric services, and the Kaiser Permanente Medical Centers in Anaheim and Irvine deliver more than 400 babies a month.

The Stork has Arrived!

Our first NCS babies have been born! Our first few participants have given birth in Orange County.

We are building partnerships with all 17 birthing hospitals and one birthing center in Orange County to coordinate birth visits to study participants at the time of birth.

Our Birth Team is educating nurses and doctors at hospitals on NCS procedures for sample collection. Our staff also developed a self-learning module and materials that hospitals can use for training and reference. Birth visits are different from other visits that we do with participants in that they are unscheduled, unless the participant has a planned

Cesarean section.

In other OCVC news, we recently hosted a party for residents in one of our gated communities. Residents ate pizza, listened to music, and learned about the study. Children had a blast playing games and vying for raffle prizes. It was a fun event all around!



Decorating for the segment party

FAQ

National Children's Study staff came to my door a few months ago when I wasn't pregnant. Now I am pregnant and want to participate. What do I do?

Contact us at (888) 824-4121 and let us know that you are pregnant. We look forward to doing our first home visit with you. We will collect biological and environmental samples from you and your home.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 3** - Institute for Clinical and Transitional Science Workshop at UC Irvine
- Nov. 12** - Pizza Party in Laguna Beach
- Nov. 13** - Connections Cafe - Help Me Grow
- Nov. 19** - Conditions of Children at CSU Fullerton
- Nov. 26** - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!