

The TOPS Study...

is a computer-based program designed to reduce the stress and problems families often face after a teen's TBI. Session topics include problem-solving, communication, and behavior management. Some families will do up to 14 weekly web sessions with online therapist meetings, some families' teens will do this independently, and some families will do no sessions but instead access TBI information online.

Where: All activities take place at home

Ages: 11-18

Study activities last about: 12 months

Benefits: Your family may have better communication and coping skills and less conflict.

The I-InTERACT Study...

is a computer-based treatment program designed to reduce stress and improve behavior after a child's TBI through positive parenting skills training. Some families will do up to 7 weekly web sessions with online therapist coaching, some families will do up to 14 weekly web sessions with online therapist coaching, and some families will do no sessions but instead access TBI information online.

Where: All activities take place at home

Ages: 3-9

Study activities last about: 6 months

Benefits: You may have better communication and coping skills and your child may have fewer behavior problems.

The AIM Study...

is a computer-based treatment program designed to reduce attention difficulties that teens often have after a TBI. For 10 weeks your child will use a game-like computer program to improve attention and memory. S/he will do this for up to 3 hours per week including one hour with a trained coach and the rest independently at home. For 10 weeks your child will not use the computer program, but will receive bi-monthly check-in calls from our study staff and mailings with information on TBI. You may also be invited to do an MRI scan.

Where: At home and at CCHMC

Ages: 10-18

Study activities last about: 5 months

Benefits: Your child's attention may improve over the course of the study.

The FOCuS Study...

is designed to learn how a medication for ADHD can help kids with attention problems after their TBI. Kids will have 9 weekly clinic visits to adjust dose and test for improvements in thinking and attention.

Where: At CCHMC

Ages: 6-17

Study activities last about: 2 months

Benefits: A full diagnostic evaluation and report on attention problems, including feedback on the best dosage for your child or teen.

Head Injury Research Studies



You may be eligible to join one of our free research programs. Here are the highlights of each study we are currently doing for kids with traumatic brain injury (TBI) and their families. We invite you to join us!



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How are the studies alike? All of our studies include visits at the start, middle, and end to test their effectiveness. These include some cognitive testing (similar to school workbooks), questions about child behavior and family background, and spit collection for genetic information.

Are there risks or discomforts?

These studies pose minimal risk. There is a slight chance that your child may get tired while testing, or that you could become upset while discussing your child's injury. Staff are trained to minimize these risks and provide breaks as needed. Any other risks specific to each study will be discussed before you agree to participate.

Are there other benefits? You may feel less stressed as you learn about brain injuries, and you may get satisfaction knowing you have helped us learn more about helping families with TBI.

Do I get paid for participating?

Yes. All of these studies will compensate you for time and travel.

Do they cost anything? There is no cost to you. We will not bill your insurance.

Who gets the results? You and the research team. Our internal review board and funding agency may also look at the results. No information that identifies your family will be included in any publication or presentation.

What if my child isn't having any problems? Great question! The TOPS and I-InTERACT studies include the whole range: kids with no problems to kids who are struggling. It's important for us to learn how these programs help all families.

What if I don't have a computer or internet? No problem! We provide internet and loan computers to all families who need them for our studies.

When does the study start? All study visits are scheduled at your convenience. Our staff are available morning through evening 7 days/week.

How can I help? Our staff may give you a call soon to give you more information about our studies. This will give us a chance to make sure your family is eligible, and to answer any questions you might have. You may see our caller ID come up as Unknown: 513-636-0000. If we are calling at an inconvenient time just let us know when you would prefer we try again. We know your time is valuable and will make every effort to keep the call short.



What if I'm not interested?

Your decision to take part is totally up to you. If you decide not to participate, we encourage you to let us know (by phone or by returning the enclosed card) that you would rather not be called. Your decision will not affect your child's care at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center now or in the future.

Whom can I contact if I have any questions?

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Thank you for taking the time to learn about all the Head Injury Research Studies have to offer at



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