**IMPORTANT PATIENT INFORMATION**

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**A research study is being conducted at (NAME) Hospital.**

The research is being done by (Lead Investigator name) from (start date) to (completion date)

**Why is this research study being done?**

To understand what complications children have during and after having an operation.

**Why are we telling you about this study?**

All patients less than 18 years of age having an operation in this hospital are part of the study. It is a requirement that some details pertaining to your child’s clinical care are entered into a trial folder. Information from this folder will be used anonymously to see if any complications occur during or after your child’s surgery.

**Will this study affect my care while I am in hospital?**

No. Your care will not change while you are in hospital.

**Will my name or any personal details be recorded in this study?**

No. Your name and personal details will not be recorded as part of this study. All information from the notes will be kept strictly confidential.

**Are there any risks or benefits associated with this study?**

No.

**May I withdraw from this study?**

Every patient has the right to withdraw from this study. If you would like to withdraw from the study, please contact the lead investigator listed below.

**Who should I contact if I have any questions or concerns?**

Please contact (Name of lead investigator) on telephone ……………..

If you have questions about your rights or welfare as a research participant, please contact the UCT Faculty of Health Sciences Human Research Ethics Committee on +27 (0)21 406 6338.