

## General practice study about chest infections

We want to learn more about cough, breathing and heart problems. We are asking for your help. It is up to you if you want to join in. The University of Bristol leads this research and Pfizer pays for it.

### Why have you asked me?

Your doctor or nurse thinks you have a cough, breathing or heart problem.

### Why are you doing this research?

Your cough, breathing or heart problem might be caused by an infection. Vaccines can stop people from getting unwell when they are infected with a germ. We want to understand who would benefit most from having vaccines in the future.

### Do I have to join in?

You do not have to join. You can talk to your family or friends to help you decide. If you say yes, you can change your mind later. If you say no, you will still get the same healthcare.

### What will it involve?

#### Part 1: Finding out about you

We will look at your GP records and ask you some questions.

#### About you:

- Date of birth
- Gender
- NHS number
- Ethnicity
- Area you live in

If you are or have been a **smoker**

#### Your current illness:

- GP and hospital visits
- Test results
- Diagnoses\*
- Treatments

Your **long-term health conditions**

#### GP Records



**Vaccines you have had**

*\*Diagnoses are what your doctor thinks is causing your symptoms.*

## Part 2: Examination, Samples and Diary

You can decide to do all, some or none of these.

### Examination:



Height



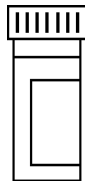
Weight

*The height and weight will be recorded in your GP records.*

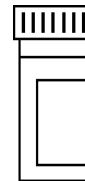
### Samples:



Swabs from the  
mouth  
and nose.



Saliva (spit)  
sample.



Urine (wee)  
sample.

### Symptom Diary:

A daily diary to tell us how unwell you feel each day, until you are completely better.



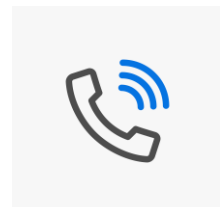
You can do this



on paper **OR**



online **OR**



by phone.

We can send you text or email reminders.

## What are the good things about joining in?



The research will help us work out who to give vaccines to in the future.  
This will help stop other people from becoming unwell.



To say thank you, we will give you;

- a **£20** voucher for providing samples
- a **£20** voucher for filling out the diary.

## What are the bad things about joining in?



The throat and nose sample might feel strange but it should not hurt.

In some people, the nose swab might cause a slight nosebleed (not serious). This does not happen often.

## What will happen with data (information) collected about me?

We will be careful to keep information about you safe and private.

We will replace your personal information with a code number.

We will share what we learn from this study with others. No one will be able to identify you from this data.

We will ask you if your data can be used in other future research.

## What happens to the samples I give?

1. **Samples are given a code number.** This helps keep information about you private.
2. **Samples will be sent to the laboratory** at the University of Bristol and/or Pfizer in America, and tested for germs. You will not receive the results from your samples as they are taken for research purposes only.



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3. **Leftover samples:** We will ask you if your leftover samples can be stored and used in other research. Some research will involve genetic testing and others will not.

### What if something goes wrong or I want to complain?

If you want to complain about the study, you can contact the AvonCAP GP research team or the Complaints and Freedom of Information Manager on 0117 900 2494.

### What happens now?

If you have any questions, please ask us. If you want to join in, you will be asked to complete a consent form.

**Thank you for reading this information sheet.**

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