HELLO! FROM THE SPAN STUDY TEAM

Thank you for participating in this study! With your help we will be able to learn more about infant growth. This is all possible because of you!

We hope to keep you updated through these occasional newsletters.

Thank you for your commitment and contribution to this study! We look forward to sharing the results with you and answering important questions about child health and development!

Sincerest thanks,
SPAN Study Team



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Where We Are



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ALABAMA

- University of Alabama at Birmingham

CALIFORNIA

- University of California, San Diego

LOUISIANA

- Ochsner Medical Center

N. CAROLINA

- Duke University
- University of North Carolina

PENNSYLVANIA

- University of Pennsylvania

TEXAS

- University of Texas Medical Branch

UTAH

- University of Utah
- Intermountain Healthcare

VIRGINIA

- INOVA Health System

Baby Visit

3 measurements that happen at your baby's visit

ANTHROPOMETRY

- After you meet study staff and complete the exam forms, study staff measure your baby.
- Study staff take your baby's weight, body length, head circumference, abdominal circumference, and skinfold thickness.





NEONATAL NEUROBEHAVIORAL SCALE (NNNS-II)

- Study staff perform a series of non-invasive tests on your baby.
- These tests gather data on the responses and movement of your baby.

PEA POD

- Looks at your baby's bone density to measure body composition.
- We put your baby in the warmed chamber for 2 minutes.
- Your baby can breathe normally and is always visible.



Your Participation Matters

Your participation will help us find factors that may contribute to health during pregnancy and infancy. You represent those from your community where the SPAN study takes place. This study will make a large impact on this generation and the next. It will help future researchers, doctors, and families protect the health of babies and children.





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