

TEDDY Talk

Discovering the causes of *Type 1 Diabetes in Children*

TEDDY wants your blood, but why?

The TEDDY Study's goal is to find all the best "clues" about what might cause type 1 diabetes. In the hunt for "clues" your child's blood is the star witness.

We ask for blood samples at every visit to look at viruses, nutrients, and proteins that might give us clues about what is going on in your child's body.

The best clues we find in blood are called antibodies. When your child's immune system is reacting to something, it makes a protein marker – a "clue" – called an antibody. These antibodies can come and go. We want to look at your child's blood often enough so we don't miss any of these clues.

Having antibodies does not mean your child is sick. It means an immune reaction is going on. Sometimes antibodies get confused and start attacking our own bodies. These confused antibodies are called autoantibodies. TEDDY likes to keep a special eye on these reactions.

Parents like to know about these reactions, too. If your child has persistent autoantibodies, this is an early clue that there is an increased risk for developing type 1 diabetes. It's an early detection system. Even though there isn't a way to prevent the disease, the work you and your child are doing are bringing us closer.

In TEDDY's search for clues about what might cause type 1 diabetes, your child's blood is the star witness. Thanks for helping with the investigation!



TEDDY Antibody Stats

8,668 – kids in TEDDY

371 – kids with one Type 1 antibody

242 – kids with multiple Type 1 antibodies

112 – kids with Type 1 Diabetes

531 – kids with Celiac antibodies

201 – kids with Celiac Disease

1 in 7 – kids with a *single* antibody will be diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes

1 in 2 – kids with *multiple* antibodies will be diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes

TEDDY Updates

New Poo Raffle

July-December

Each stool sample you collect is worth an entry into the Prize Raffle!

Clinic Makeover

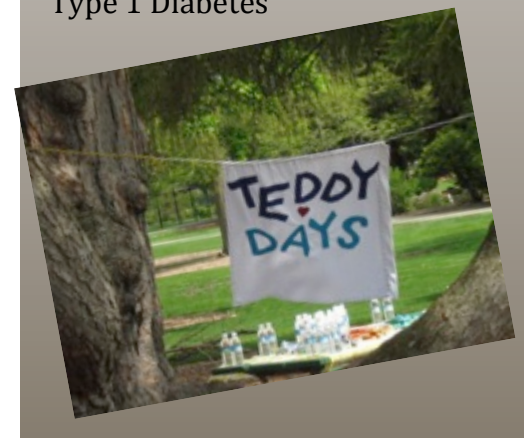
Time for a Change

We are working on redecorating our Seattle clinic. Stay tuned for details!

TEDDY Park Days

June - August

Watch for Park Day Postcards with all the dates and locations!





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