

# WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END OF A RESEARCH STUDY?

A guide for young people.



Your participation in research is complete when the investigators finish collecting information from you.

**THANK YOU** for taking part in research!  
Your contributions should help others.

## What happens after my time in the study is over?

You are not forgotten! You and the research staff can still contact each other with questions that come up later. You will still see your own doctor(s) for regular medical care.

The study may still be going on for other research participants. Even if investigators have finished collecting all the information they need, the research study is not over until they have organized the information and figured out what it means.



## What information will investigators keep about me after the research study is over?

It depends. Sometimes investigators destroy the information they collected from you. Other times, investigators keep your information so they can look at it again in the future.

Investigators may also share your information with other investigators. If they do, they will try their best to keep your identity hidden and confidential.

What happens to your information may depend on the country you are in.



## How do I find the overall study results? Will I see my individual information and results when the study is over?

The information you receive will depend on the research study and the country where the research is conducted. You can always ask the research team.

Here are sample questions you could ask the research team when your time in the study comes to an end:

What is going to happen to my information after the research study is over?

Who is going to see my information after the research study is over?

Will you contact me again?

How can I reach you if I have a question later on?

Is there anything else I need to know?

**Ask the research team any questions you have!**

