

Space Mission Map

Assent Activity User Guide

- ▶ This customizable assent resource is intended for use by younger children to communicate brief information about a study in child-friendly terms. It can be used to build rapport, and a child may express their wish verbally or physically (pen or sticker) to participate or not using the faces at the end. It is intended to be used with an adult, there is no specific age range for this resource. It can be used for any type of study that would obtain assent.
- ▶ This is not a prescriptive template and can be used to provide information in a way that is suitable for the study and study population. For example, information about the study overall can be provided. For very complex studies, it could include information about a single study visit. It could be left blank for children to complete themselves.
- ▶ A larger version of the space ID tag can be printed on card stock or laminated for children to use while on their mission or to have as a souvenir. This can be used in any way suitable e.g. for children to use their own name or that of an alter ego.
- ▶ The pdf is 'legal' paper size, printer settings may need to be adjusted.
- ▶ Assent is not a regulated activity with no requirements under Health Canada Part C, Division 5 of the Food and Drug Regulations and is a process to determine wishes regarding participation in a study. Per TCPS 2, children may verbally or physically provide assent/dissent using the information in this resource.
- ▶ Feedback from families included providing limited high-level information so as not to be overwhelming. See example below.
- ▶ Programs such as Adobe or Canva can be used to edit the template.
 - ▶ For Adobe: Select 'Fill in form fields' and then 'Type text'
 - ▶ For Canva select 'Create' and then 'Upload'. Upload the template and then 'add text box'. To prevent the template from shifting, click on it and select the padlock image to lock it in place.
- ▶ There are 5 places to add text; the title and 4 text boxes. Text can be included in the white spaces, see example below. Here are some suggestions:
 - ▶ Use a simplified title, not the protocol title or acronym title
 - ▶ Step 1 – describe the study (the 'what', 'where', and 'why')
 - ▶ Step 2 – describe the study activities (the 'who', 'when', and the 'how long')
 - ▶ Step 3 – describe the study activities (the 'how')
 - ▶ Step 4 – provide reassurances/information about how to contact the study team

Space themed phrase ideas:

- ▶ You will be on this mission for X days/weeks/months/years
- ▶ You will join other space cadets (describe group activity)
- ▶ As part of this mission you will (describe study activities)
- ▶ Our mission is to find out (describe study purpose)

WELCOME TO THE MISSION!

DIET STUDY FOR KIDS WITH CROHN'S

SPACE EXPLORER

NAME: _____
AGE: _____
TRUSTED ADULT: _____



Follow the path from planet to planet
to find out what will happen!

STEP 1

We are on a mission! This study will help our team learn if a special diet can help kids like you feel better. You will come to the hospital and we will ask you a few questions. Your trusted adult will be there to help you.

You won't be alone!
Your trusted adult
will be there
support you.

STEP 2

You will meet Dr. Elmo and the team. You will be on this mission for about 4 months. During that time, you will meet a nurse two times, and they will do some simple tests, and ask you a few questions. At home, you fill out a short form each week.

STEP 3

Other kids will be part of this study too. There will be two groups. Some kids will try one special diet, and some kids will try a different diet. Our mission is to find out which diet helps kids feel better faster!

STEP 4

Some parts of the study might not feel good. If that happens, you can tell us or your trusted adult. We are here to listen and try to make things better.

Thanks for helping!

You don't have to be in the study if you don't want to, it's your choice. Use the faces to tell us how you are feeling!

