

An estimated 70% of the drugs regularly administered to children have not been studied with them. This puts their health at risk.

## WHY SHOULD WE INCLUDE CHILDREN IN HEALTH RESEARCH?



### FOR THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.

Children are not just smaller adults. They have a different physiology, so diseases and drugs affect them differently. Including children in research allows us to know which health interventions are safe and effective for them, and thus protect their health and well-being.

### FOR FAIR TREATMENT.

Excluding children from research deprives them of the benefits that result from research that could improve their health or save their lives, and this is unfair. Children, as much as adults, deserve safe and effective interventions supported by scientific evidence.

### HOW ARE CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH PROTECTED?

Research ethics committees always review studies involving human beings. These committees ensure the participation of children is ethical, and that specific safeguards are in place to protect their rights, interests, and well-being.

### CONDUCTING HEALTH RESEARCH WITH CHILDREN IS AN ETHICAL IMPERATIVE.

LET'S PROTECT THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, ALWAYS.



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