

Dear Colleague,

Due to these challenging times I am requesting your assistance in a remotely conducted study. We hope our findings will inform professional practice and shape policy regarding middle ear fluid (otitis media) management.

If you would please share this with people whom you know:

- have a child 7-10 years old
- English is his or her first language
- live in NY, NJ, CT or PA

We are requesting his or her voluntary participation in this confidential secure video conference. During this study we are asking the child to listen to a model of the principal investigator telling a story from a picture book. The child will then be asked to tell (not read) a story from a different picture book using three different “voices” as will be described to the child.

This study intends to understand the impact of otitis media on the development of speech and language production.

Please note the individual sharing this recruitment script is not responsible for this study. Any individual’s decision to participate or not to participate in this research study will not affect their employment status, grades, academic status, or standing with their university/college/place of employment.

If you would like to participate or for more information, contact:

Principal investigator:

Chanie Monoker, CCC-A

E: [cmonoker@gradcenter.cuny.edu](mailto:cmonoker@gradcenter.cuny.edu) (in the subject line put “OME Speech study”)

P: Schedule a phone or video consult here <https://hearing-kids.as.me/complimentaryconsult>

or

Research Advisor:

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If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant or if you would like to speak to someone other than the researchers, you can contact CUNY Human Research Protection Program at 212-817-7525.

Respectfully,

Chanie Monoker

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