

Slipped Capital Femoral Epiphysis

Registry and Study



An illustration and X-ray of a left SCFE. The femoral head has shifted slightly downward off the neck of the bone through the growth (arrow).
Illustration courtesy of John Killian, MD, Birmingham, AL

Your child has been diagnosed with “slipped capital femoral epiphysis”, commonly called “SCFE”. It is related to rapid growth spurts at the growth plate (called “physis”) of the upper thigh. At Children’s Mercy Hospital, we have much interest in SCFE, so to improve our understanding and ways to treat it, we participate in a registry and are conducting a separate research study.

We are asking you to participate as much as you are able. There is no cost or obligation to participate. Your participation is totally voluntary. If you qualify and are willing to participate you will be contacted by a research team member who will review these opportunities and give you time to ask any questions about them. We thank you for your consideration!

The Registry

SLIP (SCFE Longitudinal International Prospective) Registry is a registry that is interested in developing resources for evaluating treatments in children with SCFE. By participating in this registry, you will be part of a group that seeks a better understanding of SCFE and how best to treat. This is a worldwide network of hospitals sharing this same goal.

The Study

SCFE Wake Up Call to Action Study is a study designed to help understand underlying health disparities and improve other aspects of a child’s health that are related to SCFE. Some children who have SCFE and untreated obesity are at greater risk for type II diabetes, obesity-related illnesses, and death when they become older adults. We want to know if a SCFE diagnosis can be a “wake up call to action” for the child, family, and healthcare community by identifying and addressing ways for the child to remain healthy.

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