Are you pregnant?

Are you interested in learning about the chemicals in your environment?

UBC researchers want to know whether chemical **flame retardants** (PBDEs) and **stain repellents** (PFCs) affect thyroid hormones during pregnancy, and what the levels of these chemicals are in Vancouver homes.

**We are seeking pregnant volunteers to:**
- Donate two small blood samples, and a hair sample
- Take part in two interviews: one at their home, and one via the internet
- Have chemical levels tested in their homes (air, dust, dryer lint)
- Donate a sample of umbilical cord blood (collected at birth)

**You may be eligible if you:**
- Are at least 19 years old
- Are in the first 15 weeks of your pregnancy
- Have lived in North America for the past 3 years (by your due date)
- Are planning to give birth at BC Women's Hospital, St. Paul's Hospital, Lions Gate Hospital, or at home

**Participants will receive:**
- A **free** copy of the chemical levels in their blood and homes
- 2 hospital parking passes (or 4 bus tickets)
- A small baby gift

Please contact us for more information

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