Text Box 2

Phrasing of assent in the deferred consent process

1. We are going to provide the treatment for your child that is recommended by the government.

2. We want to find out if we can improve on these current recommendations by trying new treatments that we think will work better. We do this by research.

3. All research is checked by independent committees to make sure that the potential benefits to individuals outweigh the risks. All participation in research is voluntary, and so you can refuse.

4. We would like your child to participate in research for us to learn the best way to give fluids to very sick children.

5. Do you agree for your child to take part in this research? You can say no and your child will still receive the same level of care with the governments recommended treatment.