**Disorders of Cerebral Development: A Phenotypic and Genetic Analysis**

**Why are we meeting with you?**
You are in a study with Dr. Elliott Sherr and his colleagues. These researchers are studying children and families in which a person in the family has a brain abnormality.

**Why are we doing this study?**
We want to discover the cause of these brain abnormalities and understand how they change the way people develop. We want to see if the cells in your skin are different from people who don’t have this condition. We hope that this will give us clues about this condition.

**What will happen to you?**
Only if you want to, a few things will happen:
1. We will give use a very small needle to give you numbing medicine under your skin. This could hurt but the pain will go away quickly.
2. After the shot, you will feel pressure but it will not hurt.
3. We will take a small piece of skin from your arm using a small instrument called a biopsy punch.
4. We will put gauze or a band-aid on afterwards. You might need to change the gauze the next day.
5. We will put the skin in a special fluid called culture medium and then will take it to the laboratory and grow cells from it.
6. You will have a small scar when your skin heals.

**Will the study hurt?**
The needle we use to inject the numbing medicine may cause pain and the numbing medicine will burn for a few seconds. You will feel pressure from the skin biopsy but it should not hurt.

**Will you get better if you are in the study?**
No, this study won’t make you feel better or get well. But the doctors might find something that will help other children later.

**Do you have any questions?**
You can ask questions at any time. You can ask now. You can ask later. You can talk to me or you can talk to someone else.

**Do you have to be in the study?**
No, you don’t. No one will be angry with you if you don’t want to do this. If you don’t want to be in this study, you just have to tell us. If you want to be in the study, just tell us. And, remember, you can say yes now and change your mind later.