

# Research Study for Children with Growth Hormone Excess



Gigantism is a condition characterized by excessive growth and height significantly above average, caused by over-production of growth hormone (GH) during childhood. Investigators at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) want to see if a drug that antagonizes growth hormone action, called pegvisomant, can help children and adolescents with gigantism.

## Study Design:

- All visits include medical history, physical exam, & questionnaires
- Participants will have regular blood tests and imaging studies
- All study-related evaluations and medications are free
- Travel and lodging assistance will be provided

## Who can participate?

- People 2 -18 years old\* with GH excess for whom surgical treatment has not worked or who are not eligible for that
- Insulin-like growth factor-1 (IGF-1) greater than the upper limit of normal for age and gender
- Elevated growth hormone levels
- Not currently taking other medications for the management of growth hormone excess

*\* Parents must give permission for minors to participate.*

The NIH Clinical Center, America's Research Hospital, is located on the Metro Red Line (Medical Center stop) in Bethesda, Maryland

## Office of Patient Recruitment

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