



Questions and Answers About PRAMS

What is PRAMS?

PRAMS asks new mothers questions to help us learn more about why some babies are born healthy and others are not. Each year in Georgia, there are thousands of babies born with serious health problems. Hundreds of these babies die.

We do not know the reasons why many of these babies have problems. That is why we need your help. No matter how your pregnancy went, your answers, and those of other women across the state, will help improve the chances for future mothers and babies.

How was I chosen to participate in PRAMS?

Your name was picked by chance from the Georgia Birth Certificate Registry by a computer. Only one out of every 37 mothers are picked to answer our questions.

Will my answers be kept private?

Yes—all answers are kept completely private. No one will know the name of the mother who answered the questions.

All answers from all mothers will be grouped together. No reports can be traced back to you.

Is it really important that I answer these questions?

Yes—because of the small number of mothers picked, it is important to have everyone's answers.

Every pregnancy is different. To get a better overall picture of the health of mothers and babies in Georgia, we need each mother to answer the questions and return them to us.

Some of the questions don't seem related to health care – why are they asked?

Many things in a mother's life may affect her pregnancy. These questions try to get the best picture of the new mothers's health care and the things that happened to her during her pregnancy.

What if I want to ask more questions about PRAMS?

Please call us toll free at 1-800-743-7265, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. We will be happy to answer all of your questions.