UCSF Pediatric Psoriasis Research Study
for Children and Adolescents with Psoriasis Aged 18 and Under

Who can participate?
Children between the ages of 4 and 18 with active psoriasis.

Why are we doing this study?
The study goal is to learn what parts of the immune system are involved in pediatric psoriasis on a microscopic level. We are examining the cells and molecules involved in psoriasis patches on the skin. Once we understand what these molecules are, medicines can be made to fight them. This study has been done in adults with psoriasis but not kids.

What is involved in this study?
This study involves a skin biopsy. This is a quick and simple process of taking a small sample of skin the size of a pencil eraser from a patch of psoriasis. The area of the biopsy will be treated with numbing medicine before taking the sample. The only requirement is that the child has an untreated patch of psoriasis at the time of the study visit.

This is purely voluntary. There is no obligation to participate and this will not affect your child’s medical care in any way. You will review and sign a consent form before we enroll the child in the study to be certain you understand everything and agree to participate.

Who should I contact if I have more questions?
If you want more information or are interested in participating please contact Dr. Kelly M. Cordoro at 415-353-7823. Dr. Cordoro is a Pediatric Dermatologist at UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital.

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