



MIREC (Maternal-Infant Research on Environmental Chemicals)

Criteria: Females over the age of 18 who are under 14 weeks pregnant

Study Goals:

1. To measure the extent to which pregnant women and their infants are exposed to chemicals;
2. To measure some of the beneficial elements of breast milk;
3. To assess what health risks are associated with chemicals in the body during pregnancy. Heavy metals such as mercury and lead will be measured.

Participation requirements: 3 prenatal visits with blood draws, cord blood collection at birth, home visit post partum (5-8 weeks after delivery) for blood collection

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