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**“The Allergy Fix” Featuring the CHILD Study***Premieres Thursday Feb. 27, 2014 at 7:00 pm on CBC Television's****The Nature of Things with David Suzuki***

Award-winning science journalist Bruce Mohun looks at the latest attempts to fix the allergy epidemic and explores some surprising medical avenues that are sparking hope. The program highlights the CHILD study, including a home visit and clinic visit, as well as an interview with Dr. Stuart Turvey, CHILD study co-principal investigator and Vancouver site leader.

Tune in to catch some of our own Vancouver subjects featured on the show!

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Our Numbers

~ **676 One Year Visits** have been completed to date

~ **188 Three Year Visits** have been completed

~ **657 Fathers** have completed testing

**First Five Year Visit**

The Vancouver site was the first to complete a Five Year Clinic visit with awesome Linden! We tested for sensitivities to allergens, and Linden was fantastic in completing his breathing test with a party blower to assess for any potential risk for asthma. Great job! We look forward to seeing how the rest of our subjects have changed as they approach five years!

What can you do as a subject?***... Stay in touch!***

Have you had a recent change of mailing address, telephone number or email address? – Please let us know!

... Questionnaire completion!

Timely completion of the questionnaires is greatly appreciated and the information you provide is very valuable data. We are happy to assist! Call or email us.

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**In the News**

Dr. Turvey, CHILD Study co-principal investigator and Vancouver site leader was recently quoted in the media:

Canadians get go-ahead to let babies eat potentially allergenic foods as early as six months

ADRIANA BARTON, THE GLOBE AND MAIL
03-DEC-2013

Canada has caught up with Europe and the United States with a new guideline advising that babies can start eating eggs, peanut butter and other potentially allergenic foods as early as six months of age – even if they are at high risk for food allergies.

The American Academy of Pediatrics published a similar guideline back in 2008. But even so, many Canadian health care professionals have continued to follow outdated allergy recommendations, according to researchers involved in a joint statement released Monday by the Canadian Paediatric Society and Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.

Click [here](#) to read the full story.

Modern life versus microbes: Our obsession with clean living is harming us

MARGARET MUNRO, POSTMEDIA NEWS
14-NOV-2013

Antibiotic treatment early in life can also take a toll on microbes that help stimulate development of the infant immune system to differentiate between friendly and harmful organisms, according to research on mice in Brett Finlay's lab at the University of British Columbia. This might explain why children given antibiotics in their first year tend to have higher rates of allergic asthma. The wheezing and shortness of breath is due to an overactive immune response to things such as harmless microbes, pollen and pet dander.

Finlay's group is now exploring how antibiotics affect development of children's microbiota and immune systems as part of the \$19-million Canadian Healthy Infant Longitudinal Development (CHILD) study of 3,500 youngsters in B.C., Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario.

Click [here](#) to read the full story.

**AllerGen 2013 National Poster Competition Award Winner**

1st Place – Patients, Policy and Public Health

Optimizing Subject Retention in a longitudinal birth cohort study: Lessons learned from the Vancouver site of the CHILD study

Photo: Linda Warner accepting the award on behalf of the CHILD Study and the University of British Columbia.

2013 Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology Award for Research in Immunology

Photo: Dr. Stuart Turvey, winner of the 2013 CSACI Award for Research in Immunology. This award is given to a Canadian scientist recognized for contributing to the science of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.

