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TEDDY TALK

Discovering the causes of *Type 1* Diabetes in Children

Our Jr. Scientists “Got Their Science On”

Over 250 TEDDY kids and their families “got their science on” during the first annual TEDDY Science Day April 5th!

Jr. Scientists asked great research questions as they moved from station to station to get their hands and minds involved in the science of hydrophobic sand, creating lava lamps, and extracting strawberry DNA – among other experiments.

Everyone left with an “Official Jr. Scientist Lab Notebook” containing instructions on how to repeat most of the Science Day experiments and we also sent notebooks to our long-distance families. If you weren’t able to make it and would like a notebook, let us know!

Check out photos by joining the TEDDY Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/TEDDYstudyWA and plan for more Science Day Fun Next Spring!



Hit the “Easy Button” with Denise Mulenga!

If you are one of the many families who can’t come to a TEDDY Clinic or Satellite location you already know what a treasure Denise Mulenga is. Here Denise shares how she helps families find the “Easy Button.”

What do you do for TEDDY families?

I find our remote families labs that are near their home/work. My job is to make sure that the family has a good experience at the lab and if issues arise I do my best to fix things.

In some ways you are the TEDDY Family “Fixer”

Sometimes the labs that we contract with have customer service challenges, or phlebotomists who struggle with drawing children’s blood, or there are communication breakdowns. So I find out what the issues are and then take steps to correct them. Most times it is a quick call and all is well, but other times it might take some work to find a different lab for a family – that lab might be further from their home, but offer better customer service and/or better phlebotomy.

What's your favorite part of what you do?

My favorite part of my job is to find a lab that works. As we all know the blood draw can be the hardest part for our TEDDY children and if I can get your child to a lab with a great phlebotomist, their whole outlook on their blood draws changes. These are the days I look forward to.

Anything else cool about you to share?

1) I do not like needles; and 2) I live my life by the golden rule. This means when I find labs for our TEDDY kids to go to I put myself in their shoes and their parents’ shoes. I ask, “If I have to take one of my daughters to a lab for a blood draw, what would I want the TEDDY study to do for me?”

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to take my children to the zoo. We have the best time learning about animals. When I'm not running around the zoo, I like to read.



A= Strawberry DNA; B=Elephant Toothpaste; C=Bouncy Balls; D=Lava Lamps

Draw a line to the Jr. Scientist Experiment!



Strawberry DNA

Lava Lamps

Elephant Toothpaste

Bouncy Balls

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The TEDDY Study

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Check out our new Blood Process Video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vn0JnY5SGw> .

Or search for TEDDY Study – Washington on YouTube

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