

***Inclusion of Children in Research (Effective October 1, 1998)***

To ensure that adequate data is developed to support the treatment of modalities for disorders and conditions that affect children, as well as adults, it is the policy of NIH that children (i.e., individuals 21 years of age and under) must be included in all human subjects research conducted or supported by the NIH. Children will not be excluded from this policy unless there are scientific and ethical reasons not to include them in the research being conducted; well-supported justification for the exclusion will be necessary. The National Institutes of Health Guidelines on the Inclusion of Children as Participants in Research Involving Human Subjects URL address is:

**<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/not98-024.html>**