

# GIGA Kids News & Updates

## Spring 2024 Update

**“The earth laughs in flowers.”**

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Hello GIGA Kids PIs, Coordinators & Friends,

First of all, we want to **Thank You** all for your patience and your commitment to GIGA Kids – we look forward to continue working with you!

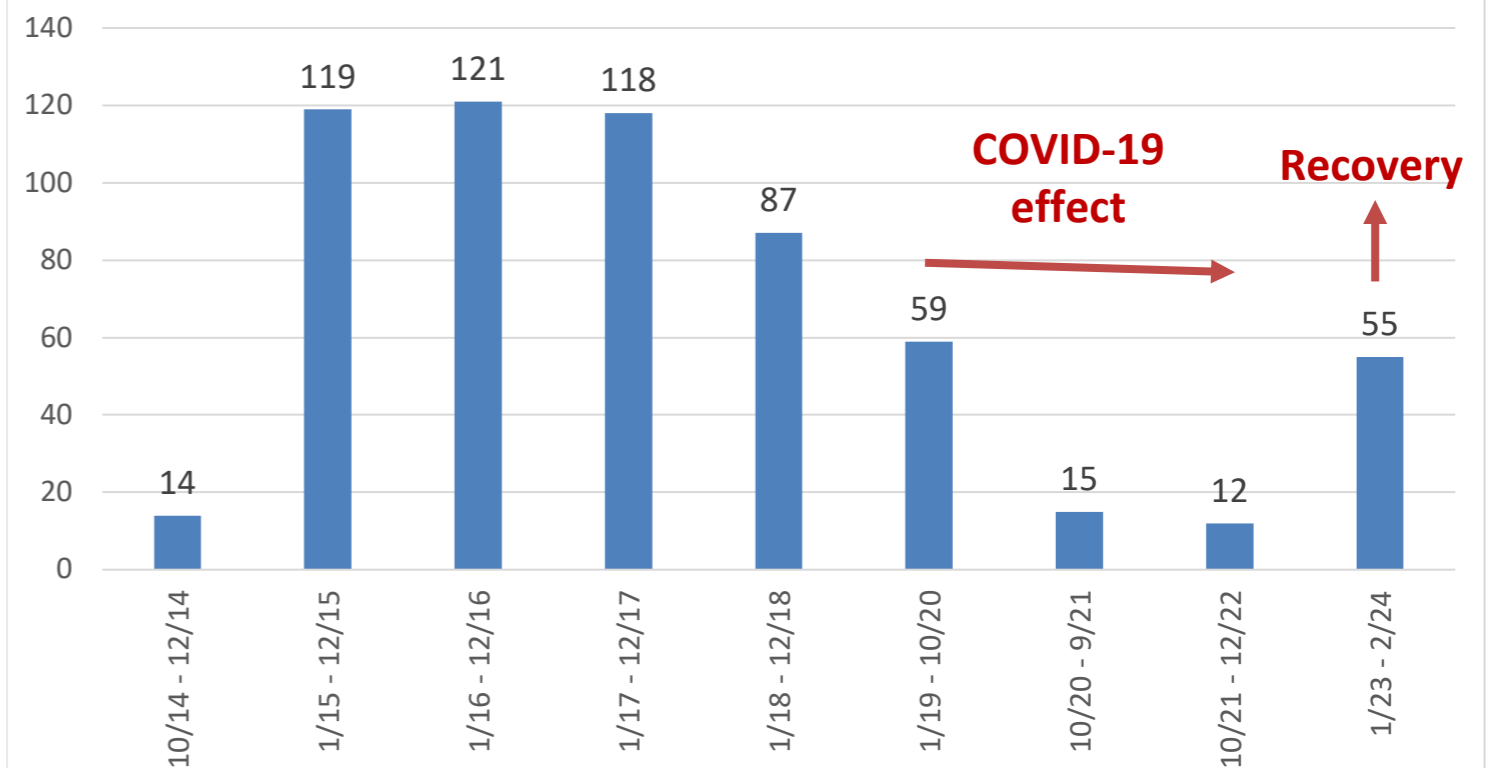
As of February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, there are **13 actively recruiting GIGA sites**. Total recruitment is presently at **N=600 participants!** This includes 588 cases and 12 healthy controls. This already puts us at 60% of our overall goal, however, we still need your help to bring back our initial recruitment rate of ~100 cases per year.

Please note that we are still **accepting new recruitment sites**, and we are actively enrolling the following:

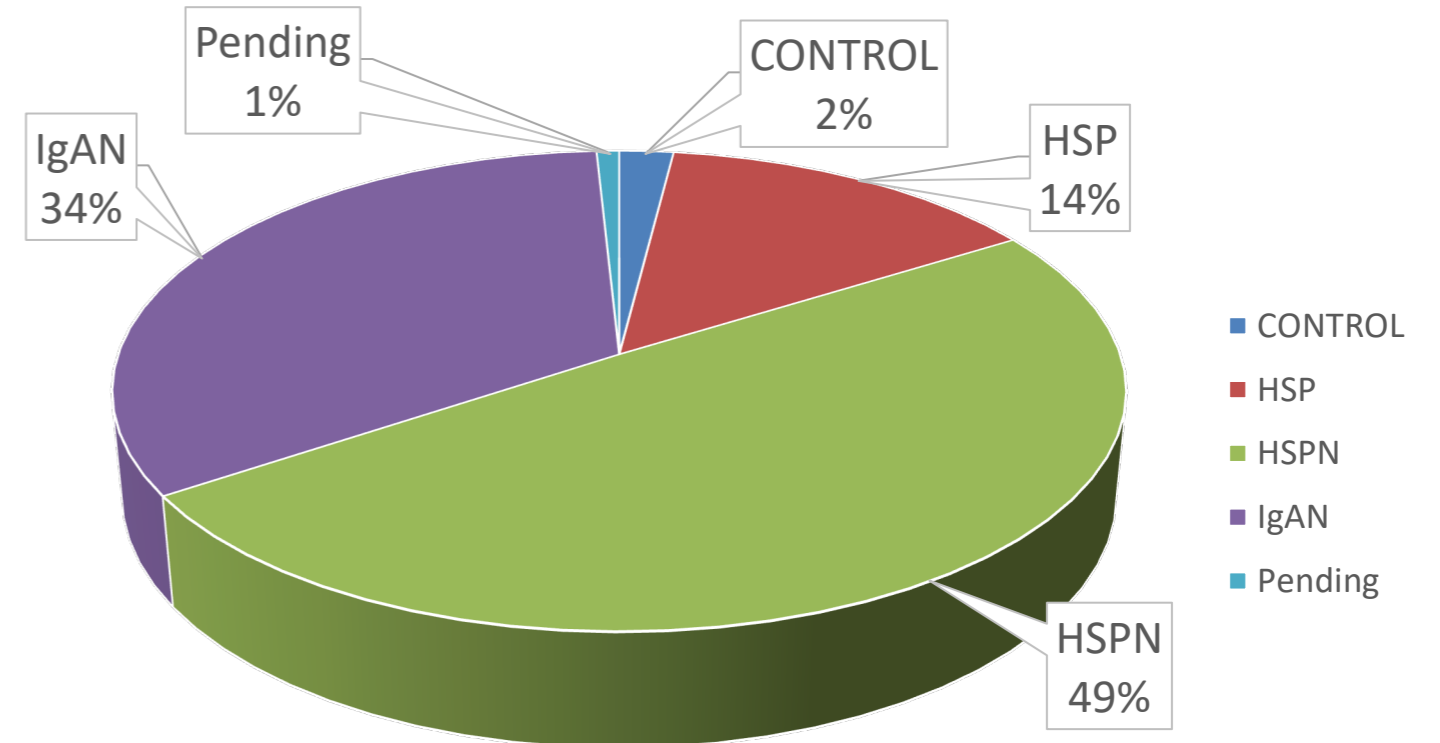
- Pediatric IgA nephropathy cases (biopsy-diagnosed)
- Pediatric IgA vasculitis cases (with and without nephritis, biopsy not required)
- Healthy pediatric controls (without active infections, autoimmune disease, or liver disease)

As always, please let us know how we can best support your recruitment efforts, and do not hesitate to reach out to **Cecilia Berrouet** ([ccb2184@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:ccb2184@cumc.columbia.edu)) with questions, concerns, or suggestions.

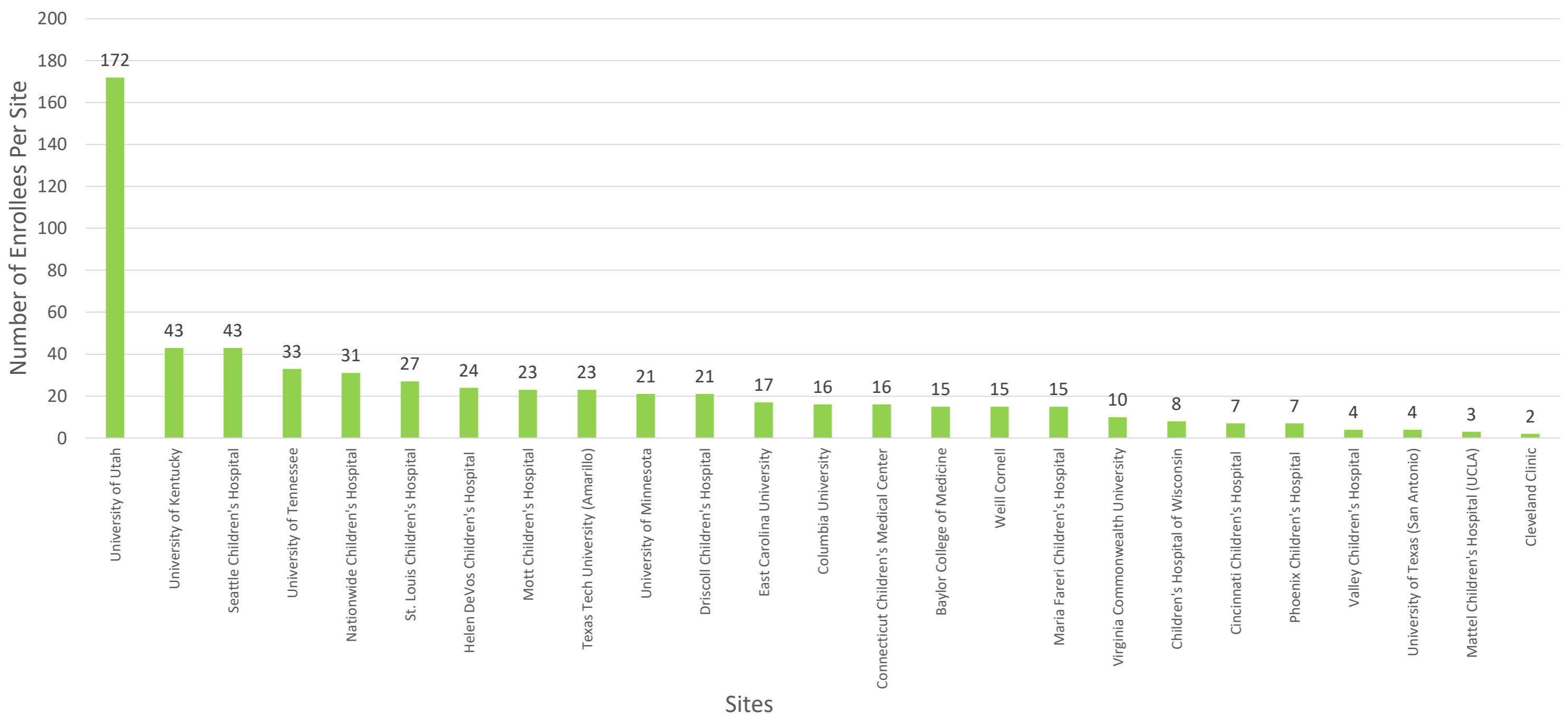
**Recruitment by Year (N=600)**



**Cohort by Diagnosis (N=600)**



**GIGA Kids Study: All-Time Recruitment Per Site (N=600)**



## Reminders

- We are revisiting a [new tool](#) to allow for a streamlined document and kit request pipeline. The link to this form will be on the Kiryluk lab website and in the signature of Cecilia's emails.
- We recently sent out a request for **MEST scores** to pertinent sites, to complete our data analysis – please complete this request as soon as possible and let us know if you have any questions!
- We would like to highlight the need for more **CONTROLS**. Currently, we have only 12 healthy controls and our target is 100...We recognize that recruitment of healthy children for study controls is challenging, but here are some ideas of who could be potentially included:
  1. Unrelated friends of the patients and their families (note that blood relatives, e.g., siblings, are not qualified to be controls).
  2. Children with vesicoureteral reflux (VUR) or kidney malformations/CAKUT (with no evidence of active urinary infection)
  3. Children with injuries presenting to the emergency room or seen by orthopedic surgery
  4. Any other suggestions for control recruitment are welcome, so please let us know what works well at your site...

## PNRC Spring 2024 Meeting

The Pediatric Nephrology Research Consortium (PNRC) Spring 2024 Meeting will be hosted in **Salt Lake City, UT** and has a virtual option as well. It will be from **April 5-6, 2024**. To register and for more information – <https://pnrc.wildapricot.org/events/2024-spring-meeting>



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### Interested in participating in the GIGA Kids Study?

Our Coordinator for the GIGA Kids study, Cecilia Berrouet, can guide you through the IRB application process, and help to answer any questions you may have regarding study protocol, or recruitment.

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