

# Informed Consent Information for Research Participants

## What is Informed Consent?

Consenting to be in a research study is a process in which the research team provides information regarding the study and answers any questions that you may have.

Before you begin the study, you will be asked to read and sign an Informed Consent document. If the study is online, you may be asked to click a button to agree to participation. When you sign (or click) this document, you are declaring that you have read and understood the material in the consent document and have agreed to be in the study.

The consent will include:

- ❖ the purpose of the study
- ❖ what will be expected of you as a participant in the study
- ❖ you are a volunteer and that you may withdraw at any time
- ❖ the number of visits and the length of each visit that is needed for the study
- ❖ the potential benefits that you may experience by being in the study
- ❖ the potential risks that you may experience by being in the study
- ❖ who will have access to the data that are collected in the course of the study and how your privacy will be protected
- ❖ the names and contact information of members of the research team and the IRB chair

What you should expect from the Research team:

- ❖ Answer any questions that you have regarding the study. This should occur throughout the course of the study – not just at the beginning.
- ❖ Inform you of changes that have occurred in the study, including changes in the study design or study requirements.
- ❖ Informing you if something has been learned in the study that may change your willingness to participate.

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