

# Informed Consent Information for Research Participants

## What is Informed Consent?

This is an ongoing process in which the research team provides information regarding the study and answers any questions that you may have.

Before you begin of the study you will be asked to read and sign an Informed Consent document. When you sign this document you are indicating that you have read and understand the material in the document and agree to be in the study. The document should tell you

- ❖ the purpose of the study
- ❖ what will be expected of you as a participant in the study
- ❖ that 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

Below is a list of things that 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.
- ❖ Tell you about changes that have occurred in the study. This includes changes in the study design or requirements in the study.
- ❖ Tell you if something has been learned in the study that may change your willingness to participate
- ❖ Provide you with contact information for members of the research team including name, phone number, and email address.

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