

Participant Consent Form

Basic Rights of Public Health Investigation Participants

Any person asked to take part as a participant in a public health investigation, or any person asked to consent to such participation on behalf of another, is entitled to receive a list of rights written in a language in which the person is fluent.

The rights below are the rights of every person who is asked to be in this public health investigation. As an investigation participant, I have the following rights:

1. To be told what the investigation is trying to find out,
2. To be told what will happen to me and whether any of the procedures, drugs, or devices is different from what would be used in standard practice,
3. To be told about the frequent and/or important risks, side effects, or discomforts of the things that will happen to me for investigation purposes,
4. To be told if I can expect any benefit from participating, and, if so, what the benefit might be.
5. To be told of other choices I have and how they may be better or worse than being in the investigation,
6. To be allowed to ask any questions concerning the investigation both before agreeing to be involved and during the course of the investigation,
7. To be told what sort of medical treatment is available if any complications arise,
8. To refuse to participate at all or to change my mind about participation after the investigation has started. This decision will not affect my right to receive the care I would receive if I were not in the investigation,
9. To receive a copy of the signed and dated consent form,
10. To be free of pressure when considering whether I wish to agree to be in the investigation.