

INFORMED CONSENT DOCUMENT (Sample)

Include this information (sample wording) in all consent forms:

You are being given the opportunity to volunteer to participate in a project conducted through John Brown University [and, if applicable, any other co-operating institution].

[Explain #1-#9 in simplified language.] If you decide to participate in the project, please sign this form. If you have any questions at any time during the study, you may contact [name of Principal Investigator] at [contact info] [also include name & # of faculty sponsor if you are a student] or the Chair of John Brown University's Institutional Review Board at (479) 524-7142.

Include the following in the description of your study:

1. Nature and purpose of the project
2. Why subject was selected
3. Explanation of procedures
4. Discomfort/Risks including the time commitment expected of the participant – amount and length of time. Recognize unpredictable risks if appropriate. If there are no known risks, so indicate.
5. Benefits (if any) to the volunteer and to the broader community if appropriate
6. Confidentiality – explain how privacy will be maintained, if and when the data will become anonymous, how data will be stored, and when it will be destroyed. Explain the legal limits of confidentiality if they apply to the study.
7. Compensation to be expected, if any
8. Statement that persons under the age of 18 should not participate in this study (if the investigator does not intend to obtain parental permission for minors)
9. Refusal/Withdrawal (Example: Refusal to participate in this study will have NO EFFECT ON ANY FUTURE SERVICES you may be entitled to from the University. You are FREE TO WITHDRAW FROM THE STUDY AT ANY TIME WITHOUT PENALTY.)

I have been given information about this research study and its risks and benefits and have had the opportunity to ask questions and to have my questions answered to my satisfaction. I freely give my consent to participate in this research project.

_____ Signature

_____ Date

[If the investigator intends to obtain modified informed consent (e.g., implied consent on a survey) the closing statement on the form should look something like the following.]

I have been given information about this research and about any potential risks or benefits that may accompany my participation. I also have been given, and understand, my rights as a participant in this research. By completing this survey I give my consent to participate in this project.