

CMU Sample Consent Form

SPECIFICALLY MARKED SECTIONS MAY BE INCLUDED VERBATIM

ON THE CONSENT FORM

Research Project Title:

Researcher(s):

Supervisor (for student research):

-----**Researcher may include the following verbatim:** -----

This consent form, a copy of which will be left with you for your records and reference, is only part of the process of informed consent. It should give you the basic idea of what the research is about and what your participation will involve. If you would like more detail about something mentioned here, or information not included here, you should feel free to ask. Please take the time to read this carefully and to understand any accompanying information.

-----**Researcher should supply the following:** -----

The researcher(s) should supply the following information in ordinary language, avoiding jargon and supplying explanations for crucial terms. This is a sample consent form, so if any item is obviously irrelevant, it need not be included.

- a. A brief description of the purpose of the research.
- b. A description of the procedures involving the subject, including their nature, frequency and duration.
- c. A description of risk (i.e., potential harm greater than that which one might experience in the normal conduct of one's everyday life).
- d. A description of any recording devices to be used.
- e. A description of the degree of confidentiality that will be maintained. Explain who will have access to information collected and to the identity of the subject, including a description of how confidentiality will be protected. If confidentiality or anonymity cannot be guaranteed, participants should be made aware of possible consequences.
- f. Feedback to subjects is desirable. Include a statement of how the findings or other study-related feedback will be made available to the subjects.
- g. Details of any form of course credit or remuneration.

----- **Researcher may include the following verbatim:** -----

Your signature on this form indicates that you have understood to your satisfaction the information regarding participation in the research project and agree to participate as a subject. In no way does this waive your legal rights nor release the researchers, sponsors, or involved institutions from their legal and professional responsibilities. You are free to withdraw from the study at any time, and /or refrain from answering any questions you prefer to omit, without prejudice or consequence. Your continued participation should be as informed as your initial consent, so you should feel free to ask for clarification or new information throughout your participation.

[Insert name of principal researcher(s) or qualified designate, telephone, and supervisor's name and telephone number, as appropriate.]

This research has been approved by the CMU Research Ethics Board. If you have any concerns or complaints about this project you may contact any of the above-named persons or the Chair of the REB, Dr. Heather Campbell-Enns (hcampbell-enns@cmu.ca).

-----Provide space for signatures as required-----

Participant's Signature

Date

Researcher and/or Delegate's Signature

Date

(In Studies Involving Vulnerable Populations)

For research with persons who are unable to give valid, informed consent for reasons of age, disability, or other vulnerability, the signed informed consent of a substitute decision-maker should be obtained. The consent form should indicate the legal relationship by which power to consent has been delegated. In addition, the researcher shall, as much as possible, explain to such prospective participants the research and involvement being requested, and seek their cooperation (i.e., assent) both at the outset of and throughout the project. The researcher should also remain vigilant and be prepared to discontinue the research immediately if there are any indications that continued participation is becoming distressing and/or harmful to such persons.)