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Informed Consent Forms
Institutional Review Board (IRB)

1. Statement that the study involves research and an explanation of the purposes of the research,

2. The approximate number of participants involved in the study.

3. A description of the procedures to be followed.

4. A description of any reasonably foreseeable risks, discomforts, or costs to the participant.

5. A description of any benefits to the participants or to others, which may reasonably be expected from the research.

6. With respect to confidentiality, reporting of data must be done in such a way that individuals will not be identifiable. If tape recordings, photographs, movies or videotapes are used, they should be described. The time they will be retained before they are destroyed should be specified. Use of such data for other purposes must be disclosed and permission obtained in a special portion of the consent form. If the data collected will be provided to other parties, these parties must be fully identified.

7. A statement that participation is voluntary, the person may refuse to participate, and may discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which he/she is otherwise entitled.

8. An explanation of whom to contact for answers to pertinent questions about the research and research participants' rights, and whom to contact in the event of a research-related problem. Include telephone number.

9. Space for the participant's signature and date. If applicable, there should be space for signature by parent or guardian, along with a space for the signer to indicate his/her relationship to the participant. If researchers plan to collect data from children younger than 16 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign the informed consent form.

10. If the consent form will be provided to non-English speakers, explain provisions for translation into native language of the participants.