



University Research Compliance

CONSENT FORM

Evaluation of IRB Procedures Regarding Informed Consent

Background Information

You are invited to be in a research study about the use of informed consent in research. You were selected as a possible participant because you have submitted an application to the OSU IRB in the past five years. We ask that you read this form and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to be in the study. Your participation is entirely voluntary.

This study is being conducted by: Whitney McAllister, University Research Compliance, Oklahoma State University, under the direction of Dr. Hugh Crethar, Applied Health & Educational Psychology, Oklahoma State University.

Procedures

If you agree to be in this study, we would ask you to do the following things: Participate in an audio-recorded focus group about the use of informed consent in research, complete a demographics survey, and submit samples of ideal informed consent forms.

Participation in the study involves the following time commitment: No more than 2 hours.

Risks and Benefits of being in the Study

The study involves the following foreseeable risks: Loss of privacy. In order to assist with the offset of this risk, all focus group participants will be requested to keep all information confidential.

The benefits to participation are: There are no direct benefits to you. More broadly, this study may help the researchers learn more about improving the informed consent process and may help future researchers design informed consent processes that are more meaningful to future research participants.

Compensation

You will receive a \$5 giftcard to Aspen Coffee as compensation for your participation. You will receive payment at the conclusion of the focus group.

Confidentiality

Because of the nature of the data collection, I cannot guarantee your data will be confidential and it may be possible that others will know what you have reported. The researchers will make every effort to ensure that information about you remains confidential, but cannot guarantee total confidentiality. Your identity will not be revealed in any publications, presentations, or reports resulting from this research study. While we will ask all group members to keep the information they hear in this group confidential, we cannot guarantee that everyone will do so.

We will collect your information through audio recordings, field notes, and collection of materials that you provide us. This data will be stored in a locked filing cabinet in a locked office on the OSU campus. When the study is completed and the data have been analyzed, any code lists linking names to pseudonyms will be destroyed. This is expected to occur no later than May 2019. The audio recordings will be transcribed. The recording will be deleted after the transcription is complete and verified. This process should take approximately 2 weeks after the completion of the focus group. This informed consent form will be kept for 3 years after the study is complete, and then it will be destroyed. Your data collected as part of this research project, may be used or distributed for future research studies.

It is unlikely, but possible, that others responsible for research oversight may require us to share the information you give us from the study to ensure that the research was conducted safely and appropriately. We will only share your information if law or policy requires us to do so.

Voluntary Nature of the Study

Your participation in this research is voluntary. There is no penalty for refusal to participate, and you are free to withdraw your consent and participation in this project at any time. The alternative is to not participate. You can skip any questions that make you uncomfortable and can leave the focus group at any time. Your decision whether or not to participate in this study will not affect your standing with the OSU IRB.

Contacts and Questions

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the protection of human research participants at Oklahoma State University has reviewed and approved this study. If you have questions about the research study itself, please contact the Principal Investigator at 405-744-5700, whitney.mcallister@okstate.edu. If you have questions about your rights as a research volunteer or would simply like to speak with someone other than the research team about concerns regarding this study, please contact the IRB at (405) 744-3377 or irb@okstate.edu. All reports or correspondence will be kept confidential.

You will be given a copy of this information to keep for your records.

Statement of Consent

I have read the above information. I have had the opportunity to ask questions and have my questions answered. I consent to participate in the study.

Indicate Yes or No:

I give consent to be audiotaped during this study.

Yes No

I give consent for my data to be used in future research studies:

Yes No

I give consent to be contacted for follow-up in this study or future similar studies:

Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Investigator: _____ Date: _____