

Chicago State University
Consent for Participation in Research

“Title of Research”

Why am I being asked?

You are being asked to be a subject in a research study about *[add a brief description of the study]* conducted by *[add name of investigator or student/faculty; investigator’s department and/or college]* at Chicago State University *[insert names of any other cooperating institutions]*. You have been asked to participate in the research because *[explain how subject was identified]* and may be eligible to participate. We ask that you read this form and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to be in the research.

Your participation in this research is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relations with the University or *[insert the names of any other cooperating institutions as well]*. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw at any time without affecting that relationship.

Why is this research being done?

[Using lay language, include a short summary of the research purpose and significance]

What procedures are involved?

If you agree to be in this research, we would ask you to do the following things:

→ *Describe the procedures chronologically using simple language, short sentences and short paragraphs*

→ *Specify the subject's assignment to study groups, length of time for participation in each procedure, the total length of time for participation, frequency of procedures, location of the procedures to be done, etc. Approximately [add number of subjects] may be involved in this research.*

What are the potential risks and discomforts?

The research has several risks:

[Explain the risks, discomforts and inconveniences including the likelihood, severity, and reversibility, if applicable, of each risk.]

Are there benefits to taking part in the research?

[Include a statement describing any benefits to the subject or others (science or society) that may be reasonably expected from the research. If there are no direct benefits to subjects, state that here. Payment for participation is not, in and of itself, a direct benefit of the research.]

What other options are there?

[Describe the appropriate alternative procedures or courses of treatment that might be advantageous to the subject. If there are no alternatives, as is the case in some survey research, this item need not be included in the consent form.]

What about privacy and confidentiality?

Suggested text: The only people who will know that you are a research subject are members of the research team. Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission or as required by law. When the results of the research are published or discussed in conferences, no information will be included that would reveal your identity. [when applicable: If photographs, videos, or audiotape recordings of you will be used for educational purposes, your identity will be protected or disguised.]

→ If activities are to be audio- or videotaped, describe the subject's right to review/edit the tapes, who will have access, if they will be used for educational purpose, and when they will be erased.

→ Give a brief description of how personal information, research data, and related records will be coded, stored, etc. to prevent access by unauthorized personnel.

Will I be reimbursed for any of my expenses or paid for my participation in this research? (include this only if reimbursement is involved)

Guidelines:

→ State whether the subject will be paid or offered other gifts (e.g., free care). If not, state this clearly.

→ If the subject will receive payment or money for expenses, describe remuneration amount, when payment is scheduled and proration schedule should the subject decide to withdraw or is withdrawn by the investigator.

Can I withdraw or be removed from the study?

You can choose whether to be in this study or not. If you volunteer to be in this study, you may withdraw at any time without consequences of any kind. You may also refuse to answer any questions you don't want to answer and still remain in the study.

→ If appropriate, describe the anticipated circumstances under which the subject's participation may be terminated by the investigator without regard to the subject's consent.

Who should I contact if I have questions about the research

The researchers conducting this study are [add name(s)]. You may ask any questions you have now. If you have questions later, you may contact the researchers at: Phone: [add phone number(s) and email]

[If the researcher is a student, include the adviser's name, telephone number and email .]

What are my rights as a research subject?

If you feel you have not been treated according to the descriptions in this form, or you have any questions about your rights as a research subject, you may call the Chairperson of the CSU IRB, Dr. Rachel Lindsey, 773-995-3788, rlindsey@csu.edu.

Signature,

Date

Printed Name,

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

Printed name of parent or guardian

Signature of Researcher

Date