

Experimental Participant's Bill of Rights

Every individual asked to participate in a research study has the right to be:

1. Informed about the nature and purpose of the study.
2. Provided an explanation of the procedures to be followed in the research study, and whether any of the drugs, devices, or procedures is different from what would be used in standard practice.
3. Given a description of any side effects, discomforts, or risks that you can reasonably expect to occur during the study.
4. Informed about any benefits that would reasonably be expected from the participation in the study, if applicable.
5. Informed about any alternative procedures, drugs, or devices that might be helpful, and their risks and benefits compared to the proposed procedures, drugs or devices.
6. Told of the types of medical treatment, if any, available if complications should arise.
7. Provided an opportunity to ask any questions concerning the research study both before agreeing to participate and at any time during the course of the study.
8. Informed that individuals can refuse to participate in the research study. Participation is voluntary. Research participants may refuse to answer any question or discontinue their involvement at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which they might otherwise be entitled. Their decision will not affect their right to receive the care they would receive if they were not in the experiment.
9. Provided a copy of the signed and dated written consent form and a copy of this form.
10. Given the opportunity to freely decide whether or not to consent to the research study without any force, coercion, or undue influence.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the research study contact the researchers listed at the top of the consent form.

If you are unable to reach a member of the research team and have general questions, or you have concerns or complaints about the research study, research team, or questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact:

- UC San Diego Office of IRB Administration at irb@ucsd.edu or 858-246-4777