

Child's Assent to Participate in a Research Study

Title of study:

Principal investigator:

Contact phone number: *(Include dialing code)*

Contact email address: *(Consider creating one specifically for the study)*

Contact address: *(Include zip code)*

Instructions for the parent or legal guardian conducting the assent:

Please read to your child, or have your child read the following information. The language is appropriate for children of minimum age 7 years. For older children, have them read study information from the Consent. You can explain study information in more detail.

Why do we want to talk to you?

We want to tell you about something we are doing called a research study. A research study is when people want to learn more about something. *[Give brief description of what the study is looking to investigate - being sure to try and avoid technical / scientific language wherever possible]*. We will tell you about the study. Then we will ask if you'd like to be in this study or not.

Why are we doing this study?

We want to find out: *[Include brief and simple information on what the researchers are looking to get from the research]*.

What will happen to you if you are in this study?

Only if you agree, this will happen:

[Include brief description of what the study will entail for the child, like listing the types of activities that will take place, where and who will be involved.]

Will this study hurt?

[Include potential risks and discomforts here.]

Do you have any questions?

You can ask questions any time. You can ask your parents, or you can ask the [person] who will speak to you.

Do you have to be in this study?

No, you don't. No one will be mad at you if you don't want to do this. If you don't want to be in this study, just tell me. And, remember, you can change your mind at any time. It's up to you.

Let me know now if you want to be in this study.

Signature of person conducting assent discussion

- ✓ I have explained the study to [*name of participating child*], a minor [*age of participating child*] years of age.
- ✓ The child has agreed to be in the study.

Signature of Person Conducting Assent Discussion

Date

Printed Name of Person Conducting Assent Discussion