

Research Participant's Bill of Rights

As a participant in a research study/clinical trial, you have the right:

1. To be told **why** the study is being conducted.
2. To be told **who** is funding the study.
3. To be given an explanation of **what will happen** during the study, what is expected of you, and **what will be different** from non-research medical treatment.
4. To be given an explanation of any **risks or discomforts** that may be experienced from participating in the study.
5. To be given an explanation of any **benefits** that may be expected from participating in the study.
6. To be told, if treatment is part of the study, of other **non-research treatment choices** that are available and how they compare to participating in the study.
7. To be given the opportunity to **ask questions** about the study or about participating in the study, before agreeing to participate and during the course of the study.
8. To be told of your **right to refuse** to begin the study, or to change your mind and stop participating in the study after it has started. **Your participation is completely voluntary.** If treatment is part of the study, this decision will not affect your ability to receive non research treatment.
9. To be told that you **may refuse to answer any question.**
10. To have enough time to **decide whether or not to participate** and to make that decision without any pressure from the people who are doing the research.
11. To be told, if treatment is part of the study, whether there are **any costs** to you associated with being in the study and whether you will receive **any reimbursement** for participating in the study.
12. To be told **who will have access to information** collected about you, how the information will be used, and how the confidentiality of your information will be protected.
13. To be told **who to contact directly with questions** about the research, about research related injury, and about your rights as a research participant.
14. To be told, if the research is greater than minimal risk, whether **any compensation and medical treatments are available** should you have a research-related injury, what the treatments are, and where further information may be obtained.
15. To be **told about new information** learned during the study that might affect your safety or your willingness to continue to take part in the study.
16. To **receive a copy of the consent form** if one is part of the study.