

# Research Participants' Bill of Rights

Joining a research study is an important personal decision, and participating in a study is your choice. **Be informed. Ask questions. Get answers.**

And remember the rights you have as a potential research participant:

## ***You have the right...***



To be treated in a caring and polite way.



To be told what the study is trying to find out and why it might—or might not—be a good option for you.



To understand every form you are asked to sign or fill out.



To understand what will happen during the study, and what makes it different from standard medical care.



To be told about possible side effects or discomforts that might happen during the study



To be told about any benefits from being in the study



To be told about other treatment options, and how they might be better or worse than the study treatment.



To be told what treatment is available for you if any medical problems arise while you're in the study



To ask any questions about the study



To take your time when you're deciding if you want to be in the study.



To be told about new information that comes up during the study and could affect your decision to be or remain in the study



To refuse to be in the study, or to change your mind about being in the study after it has started.



To receive a copy of the consent form you sign if you decide to join the study.