

RESEARCH SUBJECT BILL OF RIGHTS

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

You are a research subject if you have been approached about a study or if you voluntarily call in response to a notification about a study. This Bill of Rights applies to research studies reviewed and approved by the Northwestern University Institutional Review Board. As a research subject you or the person who is requested to consent on your behalf have the right to the following information:

1. Be informed of the nature and purpose of the research study including why, when, where, and for how long you will be involved.
2. Be given an explanation of the procedures to be followed in the research study and be given information about any drug or device to be used.
3. Be given a description of risks reasonably to be expected from the study, if applicable.
4. Be told about any frequently occurring side effects or discomforts that you might experience as a subject in this research study.
5. Be given an explanation of any benefits that you might reasonably be expected to receive from my participation in this study.
6. Be given information on what medical treatment is available should complications arise as result of my participation in the research study.
7. Be given a disclosure of any appropriate alternative procedures, drugs, or devices that might be advantageous to me, and their relative risks and benefits.
8. Be given an explanation of any benefits that you might reasonably be expected to receive from my participation in this study.
9. Be given the opportunity to ask any questions concerning the research study and the procedures involved before, during and after the study.
10. Be given an opportunity to decide to consent or not to consent to participate in this research study without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, coercion or undue influence on the my decision.
11. Be instructed that consent to participate in the study may be withdrawn at any time and that you may discontinue participation in the study without prejudice to future treatment and without undue influence to continue participation.
12. Be given a copy of a fully signed and dated consent form when one is required for the study.

If you have questions regarding a research study, the principal investigator or his/her research staff will be glad to answer them. You may also seek information from the staff at Office for the Protection of Research Subjects at (312) 503-9338, 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. weekdays, or by writing to the Office for the Protection of Research Subjects, 710 N. Lake Shore Dr. #532, Chicago, IL 60611