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**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM**

**SAMPLE ADULT CONSENT**

**FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE STUDY**

(To be administered in English or any other appropriate language e.g Kiswahili translation)

**Title of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Investigator\and institutional affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-Investigators and institutional affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Introduction:**

I would like to tell you about a study being conducted by the above listed researchers. The purpose of this consent form is to give you the information you will need to help you decide whether or not to be a participant in the study. Feel free to ask any questions about the purpose of the research, what happens if you participate in the study, the possible risks and benefits, your rights as a volunteer, and anything else about the research or this form that is not clear. When we have answered all your questions to your satisfaction, you may decide to be in the study or not. This process is called 'informed consent'. Once you understand and agree to be in the study, I will request you to sign your name on this form. You should understand the general principles which apply to all participants in a medical research: i) Your decision to participate is entirely voluntary ii) You may withdraw from the study at any time without necessarily giving a reason for your withdrawal iii) Refusal to participate in the research will not affect the services you are entitled to in this health facility or other facilities. We will give you a copy of this form for your records.

May I continue? YES / NO

This study has approval by The Kenyatta National Hospital-University of Nairobi Ethics and Research Committee protocol No. \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT IS THIS STUDY ABOUT?**

The researchers listed above are interviewing individuals who \_\_\_\_\_. The purpose of the interview is to find out \_\_\_\_\_. Participants in this research study will be asked questions about \_\_\_\_\_. Participants will also have the choice to undergo test such as \_\_\_\_\_.

There will be approximately \_\_\_\_\_ participants in this study randomly chosen. We are asking for your consent to consider participating in this study.

### **WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DECIDE TO BE IN THIS RESEARCH STUDY?**

If you agree to participate in this study, the following things will happen:

You will be interviewed by a trained interviewer in a private area where you feel comfortable answering questions. The interview will last approximately \_\_\_\_\_ minutes. The interview will cover topics such as \_\_\_\_\_.

After the interview has finished, *(explain in details any procedures that are necessary e.g blood draws, counseling etc.)*

We will ask for a telephone number where we can contact you if necessary. If you agree to provide your contact information, it will be used only by people working for this study and will never be shared with others. The reasons why we may need to contact you include: \_\_\_\_\_

### **ARE THERE ANY RISKS, HARMS DISCOMFORTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STUDY?**

Medical research has the potential to introduce psychological, social, emotional and physical risks. Effort should always be put in place to minimize the risks. One potential risk of being in the study is loss of privacy. We will keep everything you tell us as confidential as possible. We will use a code number to identify you in a password-protected computer database and will keep all of our paper records in a locked file cabinet. However, no system of protecting your confidentiality can be absolutely secure, so it is still possible that someone could find out you were in this study and could find out information about you.

Also, answering questions in the interview may be uncomfortable for you. If there are any questions you do not want to answer, you can skip them. You have the right to refuse the interview or any questions asked during the interview.

It may be embarrassing for you to have \_\_\_\_\_. We will do everything we can to ensure that this is done in private. Furthermore, all study staff and interviewers are professionals with special training in these examinations/interviews. Also, \_\_\_\_\_ may be stressful (e.g event recalls).

You may feel some discomfort when \_\_\_\_\_ and you may have a small bruise or swelling in your \_\_\_\_\_. In case of an injury, illness or complications related to this study, contact the study staff right away at the number provided at the end of this document. The study staff will treat you for minor conditions or refer you when necessary.

**ARE THERE ANY BENEFITS BEING IN THIS STUDY?**

You may benefit by receiving free \_\_\_\_\_ testing, (list e.g. Counselling , health information etc) .We will refer you to a hospital for care and support where necessary. Also, the information you provide will help us better understand \_\_\_\_\_. This information is a contribution to science and \_\_\_\_\_

**WILL BEING IN THIS STUDY COST YOU ANYTHING?**

(Explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**WILL YOU GET REFUND FOR ANY MONEY SPENT AS PART OF THIS STUDY?**

(Enter statement) \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS IN FUTURE?**

If you have further questions or concerns about participating in this study, please call or send a text message to the study staff at the number provided at the bottom of this page.

For more information about your rights as a research participant you may contact the Secretary/Chairperson, Kenyatta National Hospital-University of Nairobi Ethics and Research Committee Telephone No. 2726300 Ext. 44102 email uonknh\_erc@uonbi.ac.ke.

The study staff will pay you back for your charges to these numbers if the call is for study-related communication.

**WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER CHOICES?**

Your decision to participate in research is voluntary. You are free to decline participation in the study and you can withdraw from the study at any time without injustice or loss of any benefits.

**CONSENT FORM (STATEMENT OF CONSENT)****Participant's statement**

I have read this consent form or had the information read to me. I have had the chance to discuss this research study with a study counselor. I have had my questions answered in a language that I understand. The risks and benefits have been explained to me. I understand that my participation in this study is voluntary and that I may choose to withdraw any time. I freely agree to participate in this research study.

I understand that all efforts will be made to keep information regarding my personal identity confidential.

By signing this consent form, I have not given up any of the legal rights that I have as a participant in a research study.

**I agree to participate in this research study:** **Yes** **No**

I agree to have (define specimen) preserved for later study: **Yes** **No**

I agree to provide contact information for follow-up: **Yes** **No**

**Participant printed name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant signature / Thumb stamp** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

### Researcher's statement

I, the undersigned, have fully explained the relevant details of this research study to the participant named above and believe that the participant has understood and has willingly and freely given his/her consent.

**Researcher's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Role in the study:** \_\_\_\_\_ *[i.e. study staff who explained informed consent form.]*

For more information contact \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ from  
\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Printed Name *(If witness is necessary, A witness is a person mutually acceptable to both the researcher and participant)*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact information** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature /Thumb stamp:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date;** \_\_\_\_\_