



Research Participant's Bill of Rights

It is important that the purpose and procedures of the research study are fully understood and that consent is offered willingly. A subject in a research study, or someone who is asked to give consent on behalf of another person for such participation, has the right to:

1. Be informed of the nature and purpose of the research.
2. Be given an explanation of all procedures to be followed and of any drug or device that will be used.
3. Be given a description of any risks or discomforts, which can be associated with the research study.
4. Be given an explanation of any benefits, which can be associated with the research study.
5. Be informed of any risks and benefits of the appropriate alternative procedures, drugs, or devices in the research study.
6. Be informed of any medical treatment, which will be made available to the participant, if complications should arise from the research study.
7. Be given an opportunity and encouraged to ask questions concerning the research study or procedures involved.
8. Be made aware that consent to participate in the research may be withdrawn at any time without affecting continuity or quality of medical care.
9. Be given a copy of the signed and dated written consent form, if requested.
10. Not be subjected to an element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, coercion, or any influences in reaching the decision to consent or to not consent to participate in the research.

If you have any further questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant, call the Director of Customer Service and Patient Relations at (605) 719-7113. Thank you.