Guide to Consent Script

1. Study Title: Name of the study.

2. Explain the study procedures and state how long it will take to complete the study. Inform the participants of the purpose of the research including any sensitive types of information to be collected (e.g., sexual orientation or behaviors, drug use, etc.) If the participant will be recorded, it must be stated.

3. Inclusion criteria: List everything required to be in the study including the age of participants needed.

4. Exclusion criteria: List everything that would disqualify a participant from being able to participate in the study.

5. Inform the participants of any risk involved in the study. If your project could elicit emotional or psychological issues in the subjects, you need to insert contact information for relevant support services in this consent. When possible, the listings need to be local and national. Please contact the IRB office if you have questions.

6. State the name and contact information of the investigator(s).

7. Inform the participants of their right to refuse. The text could read: "Subjects may choose not to participate or to withdraw from the study at any time without penalty or loss of any benefit to which they might otherwise be entitled."

8. Inform the participants of the procedures by which and the extent to which their privacy will be protected.

9. This text must be included: "This study has been approved by the LSU IRB. For questions concerning participant rights, please contact the IRB Chair, Alex Cohen, 578-8692, or irb@lsu.edu."

10. For online surveys and questionnaires this text must be included: "By continuing this survey, you are giving consent to participate in this study."

11. Your information or biospecimens collected as part of the research, even if identifiers are removed, may be used or distributed for future research.

    _____ Yes, I give permission

    _____ No, I do not give permission

Please contact us if you have questions about this guide.