**ImplieD Consent language**

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NOTE: Please read all instructions before using this document.

**How to use this template:**

The implied consent language provided in this template should be inserted into an introduction letter, study information summary, or on relevant study documents (e.g., preamble to survey). Implied consent can also be obtained verbally; in this case, a verbal script with the implied consent language should be created.

*GREY Highlighted text*: General instructions for the section.

**BLUE text:** Guidance and example language.

**BLACK text:** SickKids approved template wording and/or examples that should not be altered without justification.

This template is intended to serve as a **GUIDE**. You may need to provide different information and details than are stated in the template.

**Information on Implied Consent:**

Implied consent does not required a signed consent form, but it does require provision of information to research participants. Participants should be provided with information regarding the purpose of the research, the time involved, a summary of the risks and benefits, contact information for questions about the research, and contact information for rights as a research participant.

You should use this Implied Consent template only if your research poses no greater than minimal risk to participants. If your study design allows for obtaining written consent, it is unlikely that the REB will accept implied consent.

For more information on implied consent, see the REB’s [website](http://my.sickkids.ca/research/clinical-research-services/research-ethics/Pages/Consent---Homepage.aspx). If you are unsure if your study can use implied consent, please contact your REB coordinator.

**Implied Consent Language**

*Suggested preamble language for surveys/questionnaires:*

You are being asked to participate because [insert why]. This study examines [describe the objectives of the study].

Your participation in this study will require the completion of the following [questionnaire/survey]. This should take approximately [length of time] of your time. The [questionnaire/survey] asks questions about [describe the types of questions]. Your participation will be anonymous and you will not be contacted again in the future. You will not be paid for being in this study. This survey involves minimal risk to you. The benefits, however, may impact society by helping increase knowledge about [study topic].

You do not have to be in this study if you do not want to be. You do not have to answer any questions that you do not want to answer for any reason. If you have any questions about this project you may contact [research contact’s name] at [contact information]. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the Office of the Research Ethics Board at 416-813-8279 during business hours.

*Mandatory language to be inserted into an introduction letter, study information summary, or on relevant study documents (e.g., preamble to survey)*

By completing this [research activity – e.g., survey, interview] you are consenting to its use in research.

For anonymous studies:

Once you have submitted your responses for this anonymous survey, your answers will be put into a database and will not be identifiable to you This means that once you have submitted your survey, your responses cannot be withdrawn from the study.

For studies where data is de-identified:

All information collected about you will be “de-identified” by replacing your identifiable information (i.e., name) with a “study number”. Only the “study code key” can connect the information collected about you to your identity. The study code key will be safeguarded by the SickKids research team and will not be available to the (Sponsor/Funding agency/Coordinating centre). Even though the risk of identifying you from the study data is very small, it can never be completely eliminated.