[TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT]

_Informed Consent_

[Researchers: This is an example of an informed consent that could be used when the research participants are provided with written study information but they will not sign the sheet. Researchers provide all of the important information on this sheet and give them a copy.]

You are invited to participate in a research study about... The goal of this research study is to...

This study is being conducted by [names of investigators]… The [name of funding agency, if applicable]… has provided funding for this study.

There are ___ qualifications to participate in this study: (1) ______; (2) ______ (and continue as needed).

Participation in this study is voluntary. If you agree to participate in this study, you would be interviewed for about... The interview includes questions about...

Participating in this study may not benefit you directly, but it will help us learn…. You may find answering some of the questions upsetting, but we expect that this would not be different from the kinds of things you discuss with family or friends. You may skip any questions you don’t want to answer and you may end the interview at any time.

If you participate in the study, you will receive ___ for your time (if applicable).

The information you will share with us if you participate in this study will be kept completely confidential to the full extent of the law. Your information will be assigned a code number that is unique to this study. The list connecting your name to this number will be kept in a locked file [specify where] and only the Study Director and other researchers will be able to see the list or the interview you participated in. No one at …. (E.G., NAME OF AGENCY) will be able to see your interview or even know whether you participated in this study. When the study is completed and the data have been analyzed, the list linking participant’s names to study numbers will be destroyed. Study findings will be presented only in summary form and your name would not be used in any report.

If you have any questions about this study, please contact [names of PIs, phone numbers and email addresses]. If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact Michele Kuchera, IRB Manager, Fordham University Institutional Review Board (718-817-0876 or IRB@Fordham.edu).

YOU WILL BE GIVEN A COPY OF THIS FORM WHETHER OR NOT YOU AGREE TO PARTICIPATE.