

Child Assent (7-14 years old)

Instructions: Delete all boxes (using the border feature) once you have customized each section. Boxes will contain the following:

Guidance and Suggestions

This text includes formatting requirements and helpful reminders.

Sample Statements

Sample statements can be edited for inclusion in your consent form. Text in brackets indicate fields that you should replace with your own information.

Text outside the boxes is formatting that does not need to change. However, you may alter the reading level if desired.

Language should be age appropriate, which means it could be at a first, third, or sixth grade reading level depending on the age or circumstances of the minor. Language should typically not exceed a 6th grade reading level. Age and literacy do not always correlate. It may be appropriate to turn this information into a video, or other format that children may be more likely to engage with.

Please leave a space 2 inches wide and 1 inch tall in the bottom right corner for the IRB to stamp.

Hi! My name is _____.

I want to tell you about something I'm doing called a research study. A study is a way to learn new things by asking questions or doing activities.

Why are we asking you?

We want to learn more about _____. That means we want to understand something better, and you can help us.

What would you do?

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Describe what the child will be asked to do in simple language that is appropriate to the child's age and maturity. If the child will be asked to do several things, describe each one in the sequence the child will experience. Explain how long each activity will take. If you are planning to audio or video record, you should mention it here. Bullet points are encouraged.

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You will answer 20 questions on a computer about...

[If you will be recording or photographing the child, please include the following.]

If we take pictures, videos, or record your voice, we will tell you before we do it.

If you say “yes,” here is what will happen:

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This will take about _____. [insert time]

What might bother you?

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You might feel tired, bored, nervous, or something might hurt, like a small poke.

Sometimes things in the study might bother you a little. For example:

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If anything bothers you, we will help you or let you stop.

Will this help you?

We don’t know if the study will help you. But what we learn may help other kids or people later.

Do you have to be in the study?

No, you don’t have to.

- Please talk to your parents before you decide.
 - We will also ask your parents if it’s okay.
 - Even if your parents say “yes,” you can still say “no.”
 - If you say “yes” now and change your mind later, that’s okay. Just tell us you want to stop.
- No one will be mad.

Questions?

If you have any questions, you can ask me anytime.

If you think of a question later, you or your parent can call me at [insert phone number]

Do you want to be in the study?

If you want to be in the study, please write your name below.

Your Name (print): _____

Your Signature: _____

Date: _____