

Fontbonne IRB Essential Elements of the Consent Form

The following information shall be provided to each subject in seeking informed consent:

1. An explanation of the purposes of the research including the expected duration of the participants' participation, a description of all procedures, and the identification of any procedures that are experimental in nature.
2. A description of any possible risks or discomforts to participants.
3. A description of any benefits to the participant or to others that may reasonably be expected from the research.
4. A statement describing the extent to which confidentiality of records identifying the participant will be maintained.
5. An explanation of whom to contact for answers to pertinent questions about the research and research participants' rights, and whom to contact in the event of a research-related injury to the participant.
6. A clear statement that participation is voluntary. In this statement, participants should be informed that refusal to participate will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which the participant is otherwise entitled, and the participant may discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which the participant is otherwise entitled.