



Written Consent Form: **IRB010C** Consent Age 15-17

Gratz College  
Consent to Participate in a Research  
Study  
Minor Participant (age 15-17 years)

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**Title of Study:**  
**Principle Investigator:**  
**Principle Investigator Email Address:**  
**Project Advisor:**  
**Project Advisor email address:**

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**What are some general things you should know about research studies?**

You are being asked to take part in a research study. Your parent, or guardian, needs to give permission for you to be in this study. You do not have to be in this study if you don't want to, even if your parent has already given permission. To join the study is voluntary. You may refuse to join, or you may withdraw your consent to be in the study, for any reason, at any time, without penalty.

Research studies are designed to obtain new knowledge. This new information may help people in the future. You may not receive any direct benefit from being in the research study. There also may be risks to being in research studies.

Details about this study are discussed below. It is important that you understand this information so that you can make an informed choice about being in this research study.

You will be given a copy of this consent form. You should ask the researchers named above any questions you have about this study at any time.

**What is the purpose of this study?**

The purpose of this research study is to learn about \_\_\_\_\_

You are being asked to be in the study because \_\_\_\_\_

**Are there any reasons you should not be in this study?**

You should not be in this study if \_\_\_\_\_

**How many people will take part in this study?**

If you decide to be in this study, a maximum of \_\_\_\_\_ people will be participating with you.

**How long will your part in this study last?**

Your part in this study will last \_\_\_\_\_

**What will happen if you take part in the study?**

Here is what will happen in the study \_\_\_\_\_

**What are the possible risks or discomforts involved from being in this study?**

There is minimal risk in participating in any research project and for most subjects, the risk of participating in this study is no greater than that ordinarily encountered during participation in general research studies. Although we do not expect that participating in the study will cause any distress, all research has potential risk associated with it. If you have any concerns or encounter any difficulties, feel free to contact the IRB chair, Dr. Ruth Sandberg at rsandberg@gratz.edu.

**How will your privacy be protected?**

You will not be identified in any report or publication about this study.

We will not tell anyone what you tell us without your permission unless there is something that could be dangerous to you or someone else. If you tell us that someone is or has been hurting you, we may have to tell that to people who are responsible for protecting children so they can make sure you and others are safe.

**Will you receive anything for being in this study?**

You will not receive anything for taking part in this study.

**Will it cost you anything to be in this study?**

There will be no costs for being in the study.

**What if you have questions about this study?**

You have the right to ask, and have answered, any questions you may have about this research. If you have questions, or concerns, you should contact the researchers listed on the first page of this form.

**What if you have questions about your rights as a research participant?**

All research on human volunteers is reviewed by a committee that works to protect your rights and welfare. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant you may contact, anonymously if you wish, the Chair of the Institutional Review Board at 215-646-7300, ex. 168.

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**Participant's Agreement:**

I have read the information provided above. I have asked all the questions I have at this time. I voluntarily agree to participate in this research study.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Research Participant

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Date

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Printed Name of Research Participant

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