6. To be allowed to ask any questions about the trial before giving consent and at any time during the course of the study.

7. To be allowed ample time, without pressure, to decide whether to con sent or not to consent to participate.

8. To be told of any medical treatments available if complications occur during the trial.

9. To receive a signed and dated copy of the informed consent form.

10. To refuse to participate, for any reason, before and after the trial has started.

GENERAL RESOURCES

Search Clinical Trials
Public service that compiles clinical trial listings from multiple sources. You can also request a free search for clinical trials in your area. | www.searchclinicaltrials.org | 1-877 MED HERO

CenterWatch
Clinical research information & Listing service
www.centerwatch.com | 1-866-219-3440

ClinicalTrials.gov
English & Spanish | www.clinicaltrials.gov | 1-800-411-1222

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
www.fda.gov | 1-888-INFO-FDA (1-888-463-6332)

National Institutes of Health (NIH) English & Spanish
www.nih.gov | 1-301-496-4000

ResearchMatch | www.researchmatch.org

Visit CISCRP.org for more information, including disease and condition specific resources.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION & AWARENESS

"Education Before Participation"

"Participant Bill of Rights" is part of CISCRP's Education Before Participation resource series.

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PARTICIPANT BILL OF RIGHTS

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How Volunteers Are Protected

To protect the rights and welfare of clinical trial participants, US federal agencies, including the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), oversee much of the medical research in the US.

Federal agencies inspect individuals and institutions conducting clinical trials.

Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) oversee the centers where clinical trials take place. IRBs review and approve protocols to make sure that clinical trials are ethical and that volunteers' rights are protected. They, too, are inspected by federal agencies.

Also, Some IRBs are accredited, much like hospitals can be accredited, and some research doctors and staff are certified as research professionals.

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Your Rights

Any volunteer who gives his or her consent to participate in a clinical trial or who is asked to give his or her consent on behalf of another has the following rights:

1. To be told the purpose of the clinical trial.
2. To be told all the risks, side effects, or discomforts that might be reasonably expected.
3. To be told of any benefits that can be reasonably expected.
4. To be told what will happen in the study and whether any procedures, drugs, or devices are different than those that are used as standard medical treatment.
5. To be told about options available and how they may be better or worse than being in a clinical trial.

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