When you are a Research Participant: What to do and what to expect

Research Subject Advocate Program

The Research Subject Advocate Program works to ensure your safety and that of other research participants involved in research being done at the Institute of Health Sciences (ITHS) Clinical Research Center (CRC) at the University of Washington Medical Center (UWMC).

Staff in this program will respond to your questions about your rights as a research participant. Your questions will be kept private and not shared with others.

You may ask to speak to a research subject advocate when you visit the CRC or you may contact us at 206-598-4734.

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This booklet provides information about what you can do to have a safe and rewarding research experience, what to expect from the research team involved with the study, and details about the Research Subject Advocate Program.
What You Can Do When You Are a Research Participant

Thank you for volunteering to be a research subject. Here are some tips from other research participants that you may find helpful:

- Ask questions.
- Talk to the research study team about any problems, even if you don’t think they are related to the research.
- Keep your research study team informed if there are changes in your health or with other medicines you are taking.
- When you cannot make it to a study appointment, call the research study team so they can reschedule your visit.
- Inform the research study team if your address or phone number changes.
- Tell the research study team if you no longer want to participate in the research study.

In addition, if you are taking a medication as part of the research study:

- Store all of your medicines in a secure place away from children.
- Take all of your study medicines as told. Follow any instructions you are given about how to prepare for study visits.
- You might want to tell your regular health care provider that you are taking part in a research study.

What to Expect from the Research Team

The research study team involved with the study in which you are taking part will:

- Answer your questions about the study.
- Give you new information learned from this research study that may affect your decision to continue your participation.
- Tell you about any changes to the requirements for the study.
- Provide contact information for future questions or concerns.

Questions?