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 subject. 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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The Research Consent:

What does it mean?

This booklet provides details about:

- The informed consent process
- Understanding the Consent Form
- What to expect from the research team involved with the study
- The Research Subject Advocate Program

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The Consent Process

When you sign a consent form to join a research study, you are:

- ☐ Told about the study and what it will require from you.
- ☐ Given an opportunity to ask questions and receive answers that were clear to you.

Signing the consent form means that you have read and understand the information given to you about the research study, and that you agree to participate.

Understanding the Consent Form

The consent form and the information given to you by the study team explain the following points:

- ☐ The purpose of the study.
- ☐ You are volunteering for the study and you may withdraw from the study at any time for any reason.
- ☐ The number of visits required and how long the visits will be.
- ☐ The types of medicines you'll take, if any, the types of tests or procedures that will be done and how long the study will last.
- ☐ The potential benefits of taking part in the study, to you and/or others.

- ☐ The potential risks for taking part in the study.
- ☐ Options you have instead of taking part in the study.
- ☐ Who will have access to the information about you gained through the study and how your privacy will be maintained.
- ☐ What compensation, if any, is provided should you have a complication as a result of taking part in the study.
- ☐ Names and phone numbers of study staff you should contact if you have questions or concerns during the 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.