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CALIFORNIA EXPERIMENTAL SUBJECT'S BILL OF RIGHTS

The rights below are set out by the California legislature in 1978 as the rights of every person asked to be in a research study. This page should accompany a consent form giving information about the proposed study.

As an “experimental” or “research” subject, you have the following rights:

1. To be told what the study is trying to find out.
2. To be told what will happen to you and whether any of the procedures, drugs, or devices is different from what would be used in standard practice.
3. To be told about the frequent and/or important risks, side effects, or discomforts of the research drugs, devices, or procedures.
4. To be told if you can expect any benefit from participating and, if so, what the benefit might be.
5. To be told the other choices you have and how they compare to being in the study.
6. To be allowed to ask any questions concerning the study both before agreeing to be involved and during the course of the study.
7. To be told what sort of medical treatment is available if any complications arise.
8. To refuse to participate at all or to change your mind about participation after the study is started. This decision will not affect your right to receive the care you would receive if you were not in the study.
9. To receive a copy of the signed and dated consent form.
10. To be free of pressure when considering whether you wish to agree to be in the study

If you have questions you should ask the researcher or research assistant. You may also contact Independent Review Consulting, which is concerned with protection of subjects. You may reach the IRC office during business hours. (1-800-472-3241 or subject@irb-irc.com)

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