

Investigator Declaration¹

The purpose of this document is to provide an opportunity to voluntarily express support for expectations believed to be in the interests of persons who may consider participation in human research.

From time to time, I function as an investigator in the conduct of research that involves human subjects. As a matter of professional goodwill, I personally *elect* to protect each prospective research subject (prospect) whom I seek to enroll in accordance with the GetResearchSmart LLC (GRSSM) Code of Reasonable Expectations (as detailed at www.getresearchsmart.org). I understand that the GRS Code is voluntary in nature; I am not obligated to adhere to it, but I freely elect to do so.

I further *elect* to (1) offer a copy of the signed original of this document to each prospect/subject whose enrollment is sought subsequent to its date and/or (2) maintain evidence satisfactory to each affected prospect/subject of both the date of this voluntary declaration and my continuing adherence.

It is understood that the nature of some research may result in my proposal to make inapplicable one or more of the GRS Code's expectations (unless prohibited by applicable regulatory requirements). Such proposals will (1) be itemized, (2) be in writing, (3) bear the date of the proposal, and (4) be discussed with affected prospects/subjects prior to consideration of consent. It is my obligation to arrange for storage of original declarations and related proposals and make copies upon request.

I agree that valid justification for related proposals will not be based on institutional, sponsor, or other policies that (1) do not require equivalent expectations or (2) are inconsistent with the GRS Code.

Allegations by affected subjects (or their legally authorized representatives) that I have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of this personal declaration will entitle them to receive from me sufficient documentation to establish my adherence. I understand that my failure to respond (in the opinion of the affected subject[s]), or to do so convincingly, may result in (1) their withdrawal from research participation, (2) exercise of whatever mutually agreed upon terms of resolution, entered into in advance, and/or (3) other action elected in pursuit of an alleging subject's best interests.

I recognize that I am not obligated to complete this document but do so voluntarily as an explicit act of goodwill. I am entitled to complete and display a GRS certificate (if not already completed and displayed), so long as I honor the GRS Code and the terms and conditions of this declaration.

Name and Title of Investigator: _____ License # (if any): _____

Signature of Investigator: _____ Date: _____

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