



**OFFICE OF
RESEARCH PROTECTIONS**

Participant Bill of Rights

As a participant in research, you have the right to:

1. Make up your mind about taking part in a study without feeling rushed or pressured by anyone else.
2. Be treated in a caring and polite way.
3. Be told the purpose of the research and what you will be asked to do if you participate in the study.
4. Learn about the potential risks or discomforts (if any) of the research.
5. Be told if you can expect any benefit from taking part and, if so, what those benefits might be.
6. Be told who will have access to any information collected about you and how your confidentiality will be protected.
7. Ask questions at any time before, during, or after the study.
8. Refuse to take part in the study or to quit after the study starts without any penalty.
9. Receive a copy of the consent form if you decide to join the study.
10. Be notified about new information that comes up during the study that could affect your decision to stay in the study.
11. Be told whom to contact with questions about the research, about research-related injury, and about your rights as a research subject.

Do you have a question, concern, or complaint about your involvement in a research study or your rights as a research participant?

If so, please feel free to contact the IRB confidentially. You may call us at (610)-519-4228 or email irb@villanova.edu. If you have a concern about misconduct and would like to report anonymously to someone outside the IRB, call the EthicsPoint hotline toll-free at 1-855-236-1443.