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**CHILD ASSENT TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH A DATA REPOSITORY**

Research Study Title: [Study title]

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* **WHAT IS A DATA REPOSITORY?**

A data repository is a place where research information can be kept forever. Researchers can ask to use that information and learn from it. You can think of a data repository as a kind of online library that keeps information about you.

* **WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY RESEARCH INFORMATION?**

By joining this study, you are letting the research team collect information about you to help answer a question. If it is okay with you and your parent(s) give permission, we would like to share that information with the data repository so that other researchers can use and learn from your research information, too. If you agree, we will use your name, birthday, and where you were born to make a special code of letters and numbers for you, so nothing will be shared that will tell anyone who you are.

Other researchers can ask for permission to use your code and research information for their own studies, but they will not be able to find out who you are. No one will know the information came from you.

* **COULD ANYTHING BAD HAPPEN IF I SHARE MY INFORMATION?**

Someone might use your information to try to find out who you are.

* **COULD SHARING MY INFORMATION HELP ME?**

Sharing your information with the data repository may not help you.

* **DO I HAVE TO DECIDE NOW?**

You can decide to share or stop sharing your information with the data repository at any time. You can let the study team know now or contact them later [(name) at (phone # and, *for 13-14 year olds only*, email XXX@brown.edu)] and ask them to start or stop sharing your information.

It is your choice to share your information or your code. You do not have to share your information if you do not want to. If you do not want to share your information, you can still be in this study. No one will be upset if you say no.

* **CAN INFORMATION THAT IS SHARED ABOUT ME BE ERASED?**

Your code and your information can be erased from the data repository anytime you want. But if another researcher already got a copy of your code and information from the data repository before you asked to erase it, the researcher will be able to keep it and use it for their own study. You won’t get in trouble if you tell researchers that you want to stop sharing your information.

* **WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT SHARING MY INFORMATION?**

You can ask questions at any time. The researchers want you to understand what it means to share your information and they want to answer all of your questions. If you think of a question later, you or your parent(s) can call the study team and they can answer any questions.

When you are ready to decide, please check one of the boxes below to let the research team know if they can share your information and code with the data repository.

[*The person obtaining assent should ask the child the following questions to assess understanding. If the child is unable to answer correctly, the appropriate section of the assent form should be reviewed again with the child.*]

1. How you would describe a data repository?
2. Will other researchers know that the information came from you?
3. Will putting information in the repository help you?
4. Can you take your information out of the repository?
5. Do you have to share your information with the repository?

**I DO NOT WANT TO SHARE MY INFORMATION:**

☐ I do not want the research team to share my research information with a data repository.

**I GIVE MY PERMISSION TO SHARE MY INFORMATION:**

☐ It is okay for the research team to use information about me (like my name, birthday, and where I was born) to create a code and share my research information with a data repository.

Child’s Signature and Date / PRINTED NAME