

student researcher, but sometimes as a participant. Volunteering to be a participant in a research study can be a wonderful opportunity to contribute to understanding of how our bodies work and how researchers might better help people living with health concerns. So, if you're thinking about taking part in a research study, what can you expect as a participant?

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! YOU CAN EXPECT TO BE INFORMED
 This means that you will have the chance to learn all about what the study involves before making a decision to take part - why it is being done, everything you will be asked to do as a participant, and whether there are any expected risks to you, or benefits to you, from taking part. Typically, you will be given an informed consent document that outlines the study in lay terms. You will have time to read this, take it away, and be able to ask questions.



If you choose to take part, then it is not informed consent. Ask the research team to explain anything you are not sure about.

YOU CAN EXPECT TO SAY "NO" WITHOUT ANY CONSEQUENCES TO YOU



Whether you decide to take part in a research study is up to you. You can decide not to do the study without fear of a negative consequence. If you decide to say no you do not have to give a reason for your decision, and the research team should not ask you for one.

You can start the study and change your mind later, without any negative consequences, and without giving a reason. No one should pressure you into doing the study.

YOU CAN EXPECT TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT

The researchers should explain all the study procedures to you. If the researchers need to touch your body to do testing (for example to place measurement devices on you) the researchers should explain who will do this, where and when they will touch you, how the device will be fitted and for how long. Contact the research ethics board if you have any questions. Email: ethics@sfu.ca or call: 778-782-6593



YOU CAN EXPECT TO KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE INFORMATION COLLECTED ABOUT YOU



You have the right to know what will happen to your data - how it will be stored, who will have access to it, how it will be reported, how long it will be kept for, and how your confidentiality will be respected. You can expect to be told how you can obtain a copy of the findings of the research study when the study is finished if you want to learn more.

YOU CAN EXPECT TO BE SUPPORTED IN THE EVENT THAT YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE AS A RESEARCH PARTICIPANT

