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## **Rights as a Research Participant**

I. **Applicability:** Research participants have a special bill of rights that are granted to them while participating in a research study.

II. **Procedure:** Research participants have the right to:

1. An explanation of the purpose of the research study
2. A description of what they will be asked to do, what will happen during the course of the study, and how long it will take should they decide to participate
3. A description of any risks involved in participating, and the steps taken to minimize the risks.
4. A description of possible benefits of being in the study, and to society as a whole.
5. Be told whether there are any costs associated with being in the study, and whether they will be compensated for those costs.
6. Be told who will have access to the information collected about them, how their identity will be kept confidential, and how the information will be destroyed.
7. Have enough time to decide whether or not to be in the research study, and to make that decision without any pressure from the investigator who is conducting the research.
8. Refuse to be in the study at all, and stop participating at any time after they begin the study.
9. Be told whom to contact should they have questions about the research, a research related injury, and/or their individual rights. In fulfilling this obligation, GCU requires the following passage be included in every consent/assent document:

**"If at anytime during or after participating in a study you have any questions about your rights as a research volunteer or concerns about the research process, or if you'd like to discuss an unanticipated problem related to the research, please contact the Grand Canyon University Office of Academic Research and IRB at 1.602.639.7804. Your identity, questions, and concerns will be kept confidential."**

Federal regulations stipulate the above information be included in the informed consent document and process, and is not negotiable.