

Questions to Ask Before You Participate in a Research Study

Before you agree to participate in a research study, the Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP) suggests that you ask the following specific questions.

1. Why is the research being done?
2. What will be done to me as part of the research?
3. How will I benefit from the research?
4. Could the research hurt me?
5. What will the researcher do with my information?
6. Will the research cost me anything?
7. Who pays if I'm unexpectedly injured during the study?
8. How long will the study last?
9. What happens if I decide to leave the study early?
10. Who should I call if I have a question about the research?

We have provided a copy of these questions to download, so that you can bring them to your meeting(s) with study personnel.