Experimental Subject's Bill of Rights

The rights below, written in a language in which the person is fluent, are the rights of every person who is asked to be in a research study (California law, under Health & Safety Code 24172). As an experimental subject, I have the following rights:

1. Be informed of the nature and purpose of the experiment.

2. Be given an explanation of the procedures to be followed in the medical experiment, and any drug or device to be utilized.

3. Be given a description of any attendant discomforts and risks reasonably to be expected from the experiment.

4. Be given an explanation of any benefits to the subject reasonably to be expected from the experiment, if applicable.

5. Be given a disclosure of any appropriate alternative procedures, drugs or devices that might be advantageous to the subject, and their relative risks and benefits.

6. Be informed of the avenues of medical treatment, if any, available to the subject after the experiment if complications should arise.

7. Be given an opportunity to ask any questions concerning the experiment or the procedures involved.

8. Be instructed that consent to participate in the medical experiment may be withdrawn at any time and the subject may discontinue participation in the medical experiment without prejudice.

9. Be given a copy of the signed and dated written consent form.

10. Be given the opportunity to decide to consent or not to consent to a medical experiment without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, coercion, or undue influence on the subject’s decision.

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If I have other questions I should ask the researcher or the research assistant. In addition, I may contact the UCR Institutional Review Board (IRB), which is concerned with the protection of volunteers in research projects. I may reach the IRB office by calling: (951) 827-4802 during business hours, by e-mail at irb@ucr.edu or by writing: University of California, Riverside, Office of Research Integrity, Institutional Review Board, 216 University Office Building, Riverside, CA. 92521.