



## MASENO UNIVERSITY ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE (MUERC)

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### GUIDANCE ON RESEARCH STUDY/PROJECT PARTICIPANTS' RIGHTS

**Title of Proposal:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant(s)/Investigator(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**MUERC No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

Each person who is asked to participate in a research study/project has a right to be:

1. Informed of purpose of research study/project.
2. Informed of what will happen to them or their children during the course of a particular research study/project.
3. Informed of any procedures, drugs or devices that are different from what would be used in standard clinical practice.
4. Informed of risks, side effects or discomforts of any procedure that will happen during the course of research study/project.
5. Informed if they or their child can expect any benefit from participating, and if so, what the benefit might be.
6. Informed of other choices available to them or their children and how the choice may be better or worse than what is currently being offered by the study/project.
7. Allowed to ask any questions concerning study/project, both prior to agreeing to be involved in research study/project and during the course of research study/project.
8. Informed what sort of treatment is available should any complications arise during their participation in a study/project (for clinical trials).
9. Free from duress when considering whether individuals or their children wish to participate in a research study/project.
10. Free to refuse to participate at all in a research study/project or change their mind about their participation or their child's participation after study/project has begun and that any decision made will not affect care the individual or their child would receive if they were not in the research study/project.
11. Given a copy of signed and dated consent form to keep.

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Signature of Applicant(s)/Investigator(s)

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Date

