**Note to Researcher:**

**The final reading level for the Informed Consent should be below 9th grade (use the Flesch-Kincaid Grade level on** [**https://readabilityformulas.com/freetests/six-readability-formulas.php**](https://readabilityformulas.com/freetests/six-readability-formulas.php) **to check the readability). See IRB handbook (https://www.uttyler.edu/research/compliance/files/irb/handbook-irb.pdf)**

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER**

**Informed Consent (Online, Anonymous) to Participate in Research**

**Institutional Review Board #**

**Approval Date:**

You have been invited to participate in this study, titled, xxxxxx. The purpose of this study is to xxxxx. Your participation is completely voluntary, and if you begin participation and choose to not complete it, you are free to not continue without any adverse consequences.

If you agree to be in this study, we will ask you to do the following things:

Bullet major points; estimate time it will take to do anything you are asking participant to do. Keep the purpose written in lay person’s terms. Do not copy and paste from your proposal or the application.

We know of no known risks to this study, other than becoming a little tired of answering the questions, or you may even become a little stressed or distressed when answering some of the questions. If this happens, you are free to take a break and return to the survey to finish it, or, you can discontinue participation without any problems. Potential benefits to this study are: xxxx

I know my responses to the questions are anonymous. If I need to ask questions about this study, I can contact the principal researcher, (enter PI name), or, if I have any questions about my rights as a research participant, I can contact the UT Tyler Human Research Protections Program at irb@uthct.edu or (903) 877-7632.

I have read and understood what has been explained to me. If I choose to participate in this study, I will click “Yes” in the box below and proceed to the survey. If I choose to not participate, I will click “No” in the box.

Yes, I choose to participate in this study.

No, I choose to not participate in this study.