**Study Number:**

**Study Title:**

**PI’s Name:**

**Please note that protocol sections with an asterisk (\*)should always be included in the protocol; if the section does not have an asterisk, and you have not included the section in the protocol, the IRB will consider it your attestation that the section does not apply to your study.**

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| **Protocol Section** | **Added to the protocol?** |
| **External Collaborators**- if applicable, add each external collaborator information and indicate whether that institution’s IRB will review (or has already reviewed) that individual’s engagement in human participants research activities)  | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Funding Source*\****: Include the information for the funding entity for this study. Please explain if this study is covered by a sub-award or other pertinent information. Say “department” if you do not have any other funding. | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Objectives*\**:** Describe the purpose, specific aims, or objectives and state the hypotheses to be tested | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Background*\**:** Describe the relevant prior experience and gaps in current knowledge. Describe any relevant preliminary data. Provide the scientific or scholarly background for, the rationale for, and significance of the research based on the existing literature and how will it add to existing knowledge. Describe any relevant preliminary data or knowledge to be built upon in this study. Examples of issues to address are cultural expectations, political conditions, economic conditions, disease prevalence/incidence, environmental factors.Provide the scientific or scholarly background for, the rationale for, and significance of the research based on the existing literature and how will it add to existing knowledge.Include any other non-research rationale for the work, if this study is a mix of non-research and research | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Study Endpoints:** Sample: provide some information about the data set that the research team will be analyzing. | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Study Intervention/Design\*:** Describe the study intervention that is being evaluated, and/or the nature of interactions proposed. | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Procedures involved\***: Describe and explain the study design in more detail.Describe all research procedures being performed and when they are performed, including procedures being performed to monitor participants for safety or minimize risks. Procedures performed to lessen the probability or magnitude of risks. | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Procedures-Source Records\*:** The source records that will be used to collect data about participants. (Attach all surveys, scripts, and data collection forms in the smartform on the “Study-Related Documents” page under “Other Attachments.” If unable to attach data collection instruments due to copyright requirements, include a description of the instrument in the protocol document | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Procedures-Data collection\*:** What data, specifically, will be collected during the study, and how that data will be obtained. If audio/video-recordings will be generated, describe processes for transcribing audio/video recordings. Will audio-recordings be destroyed after transcription? If so, how long after transcription? If not, how will they be kept secure? If video-recordings will be used beyond the current research procedures for educational/presentation purposes. | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Procedures- Long Term Follow Up\*:** If there are plans for long-term follow-up (once all research-related procedures are complete), what data will be collected during this period.  | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Procedures-Deception:** Does the research design require subjects to be deceived? Describe and justify the need for deception. Describe the plan to debrief participants after study participation is completed. Will the subjects be exposed to any stress? Describe and justify the need for stress. | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Data and Specimen Banking:** If data or specimens will be banked for future use, describe where the data or specimens will be stored, how long they will be stored, how the data or specimens will be accessed, and who will have access to the data or specimens. List the data to be stored or associated with each specimen. Describe the procedures to release data or specimens, including the process to request a release, approvals required for release, who can obtain data or specimens, and the data to be provided with specimens. | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Sharing of Results with Participants\*:** Describe whether results (study results or individual subject results, such as results of investigational diagnostic tests, genetic tests, or incidental findings) will be shared with participants or others (e.g., the subject’s primary care physicians) and if so, describe how the results will be shared. | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Study timelines\*:** Describe the duration of an individual subject’s participation in the study, the duration anticipated to enroll all study participants, and the approximate total duration of the overall study | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Population and Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria\*:** Describe how individuals will be screened for eligibility; the criteria that define who will be included or excluded in your final study sample; and indicate specifically whether you will include or exclude each of the following special populations: * Adults unable to consent
* Individuals who are not yet adults (infants, children, teenagers)
* Pregnant women
* Prisoners

Note: you cannot exclude people with limited English proficiency unless you can demonstrate the scientific need for such exclusion.Community Participation: For studies aimed at addressing issues that affect a certain community or group: How, if at all, will this study involve people from the target community in the design of the study? Conduct of the study? How will the results of the research be shared with the participants and/or the target community/ies? | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Research with pregnant women, fetuses, or neonates:** review [this checklist](http://irb.emory.edu/documents/Emory%20Subpart%20B%20Worksheet.doc) to verify you have provided enough information to ensure the safety and well-being of this population. | [ ]  **Yes**  |
| **Research with neonates of uncertain viability:** review [this checklist](http://irb.emory.edu/documents/Emory%20Subpart%20B%20Worksheet.doc) to verify you have provided enough information to ensure the safety and well-being of this population. | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Research involving prisoners:** review [this checklist](http://irb.emory.edu/documents/Emory%20Subpart%20C%20Worksheet.doc) to verify you have provided enough information to ensure the safety and well-being of this population. | [ ]  **Yes**  |
| **Research involving children:** review [this checklist](http://irb.emory.edu/documents/Emory%20Subpart%20D%20Worksheet.doc) to verify you have provided enough information to ensure the safety and well-being of this population. | [ ]  **Yes**  |
| **Research involving cognitively impaired adults:** review [this checklist](http://irb.emory.edu/documents/CHECKLIST-Cognitively_Impaired_Adults.docx) to verify you have provided enough information to ensure the safety and well-being of this population. | [ ]  **Yes**  |
| **Research involving economically or educationally disadvantaged persons:** describe the additional safeguards that have been included in the study to protect the rights and welfare of these subjects | [ ]  **Yes**  |
| **Local Number of Participants\*:** Indicate the total number of participants to be accrued locally. If applicable, distinguish between the number of participants who are expected to be enrolled and screened, and the number of participants needed to complete the research procedures (i.e., numbers of participants excluding screen failures.) Provide your projected enrolling goals, including the percentage of participants according to sex and race.  | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Recruitment Methods\*:** Describe when, where, and how potential participants will be recruited, who will make initial contact and how, and if physicians or staff refer participants. Describe the source of participants. Describe the methods that will be used to identify potential participants. Describe materials that will be used to recruit participants. (Attach copies of these documents in Smartform on the “Study-Related Documents” page under “Recruitment material templates.” with the application. For advertisements, attach the final copy of printed advertisements. When advertisements are taped for broadcast, attach the final audio/videotape. You may submit the wording of the advertisement before taping to preclude re-taping because of inappropriate wording, provided the IRB reviews the final audio/videotape.) How will eligibility be determined? Provide a detailed description of any eligibility screening done before enrolling the subject (including whether any identifiers will be recorded – note that IP address is an identifier). If recruiting online, describe how potential participants would be directed to your recruitment information and study description. If using contests or raffles as an incentive, you must offer entry to all potential participants, not just those who enroll in the study/complete study-related procedures, per Georgia State Law.If recruiting online, describe how potential participants would be directed to your recruitment information and study description. All research recruitment through social media needs to [follow this guidance](http://irb.emory.edu/documents/Guidance-Using_Social_Media_Recruit_participants.pdf), which does not allow the use of personal social media accounts for some recruitment activities | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Withdrawal of Participants\*:** Describe anticipated circumstances under which participants will be withdrawn from the research without their consent. Describe procedures that will be followed when participants withdraw from the research, including partial withdrawal from procedures with continued data collection. | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Risk to Participants\*:** List the reasonably foreseeable risks, discomforts, hazards, or inconveniences to the participants related to the participant's participation in the research. Include as may be useful for the IRB’s consideration, a description of the probability, magnitude, duration, and reversibility of the risks. Consider physical, psychological, social, legal, and economic risks. Include risks of loss of privacy or breach of confidentiality.If applicable, indicate which procedures may have risks to the participants that are currently unforeseeable.If applicable, indicate which procedures may have risks to an embryo or fetus should the subject be or become pregnant.If applicable, describe risks to others who are not participants.Do not state that there are no risks. | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Potential Benefits to Participants\*:** Describe the potential benefits that individual participants may experience Indicate if there is no direct benefit. Do not include benefits to society or others.Describe areas of knowledge that would be strengthened.Compensation should NOT be stated as a benefit. | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Compensation to Participants\*:** Describe if/how subjects will be compensated for participation in this study. Indicate what method compensation will be delivered (e.g. cash, gift card, school credit). Describe the amount and timing of any payments to participants. How much? What kind? Is tax information required? (if so, must be reflected in the informed consent form). Will payments be pro-rated if a participant withdraws early? | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Data Analysis, Management and Confidentiality\*:** Describe the data analysis plan, including any statistical procedures or power analysis. Describe the steps that will be taken to secure the data (e.g., training, authorization of access, password protection, encryption, physical controls, certificates of confidentiality, and separation of identifiers and data) during storage, use, and transmission. Describe any procedures that will be used for the quality control of collected data.  | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Describe how data or specimens will be handled study-wide\*:** What information will be included in that data or associated with the specimens?* Where and how data or specimens will be stored?
* How long the data or specimens will be stored?
* Who will have access to the data or specimens?
* Who is responsible for receipt or transmission of the data or specimens?
* How data or specimens will be transported?
 | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Data Monitoring and Participants Safety** **(if this study is no more than minimal risk, this section is not required)*** Ensure that you review our [Data and Safety Monitoring plan guidance](http://irb.emory.edu/documents/DSMP_requirements_ver_2-2-2021.pdf) for specific details about this section, and examples of what the IRB will be requiring according to the level of risk.
* If a DSMB is needed, please describe the composition of the board (if not already detailed in the protocol). [Review this guidance](http://irb.emory.edu/documents/DSMB-DSMPGuidance.pdf) for more information. If the sponsor protocol does not contain all required information, please in this section.
* Describe the plan to periodically monitor the data at the site level, and if you have international sites.
* Description of the plan for notifying the IRB of reportable events; whether the sponsor requires reporting above and beyond the Emory IRB reporting requirements, and if so, a description of the requirements and plan for meeting them.
* Please address the specific details below. If deemed not applicable, please provide rationale:
* Subject safety:
	+ Specific subject safety parameters
	+ Frequency of subject safety observations
	+ Individual responsible for safety monitoring
	+ Subject stopping rules – under what conditions will a subject be removed from study participation and who will make the decision?
	+ Study stopping rules - under what conditions will the study be modified or stopped and who will make the decision?
	+ Reporting mechanisms (i.e. Deviations, adverse events, UPs)
* Data Integrity:
	+ Specific data elements to be reviewed
	+ Frequency of monitoring data, points in time, or after a specific number of participants
	+ Individual responsible for data monitoring
 | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Provisions to Protect the Privacy Interests of Participants\*:** * Describe the steps that will be taken to protect participants’ privacy interests. “Privacy interest” refers to a person’s desire to place limits on whom they interact with or whom they provide personal information.
* Describe what steps you will take to make the participants feel at ease with the research situation in terms of the questions being asked and the procedures being performed. “At ease” does not refer to physical discomfort, but the sense of intrusiveness a participant might experience in response to questions, examinations, and procedures.
* Indicate how the research team is permitted to access any sources of information about the participants.
 | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Economic Burden to Participants\*:** Describe any costs that participants may be responsible for because of participation in the research. | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Informed Consent\*:** Describe where the consent process will take place, any waiting period available between informing the prospective subject and obtaining the consent; and the process to ensure ongoing consent.Describe the role of the individuals listed in the application as being involved in the consent process; the time that will be devoted to the consent discussion; steps that will be taken to minimize the possibility of coercion or undue influence; and steps that will be taken to ensure the participants’ understanding.Note: If you are planning to obtain consent via electronic signature, please review [this document](http://www.irb.emory.edu/documents/guidance-eICF_use.pdf). Additional guidance on consent documentation and process can be found on our website, under the [consent toolkit](http://www.irb.emory.edu/forms/consent_toolkit/guidance.html).  | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Consent Process-Non-English-Speaking Participants\*:** Indicate what language(s) other than English are understood by prospective participants or representatives.If participants who do not speak English will be enrolled, describe the process to ensure that the oral and written information provided to those participants will be in that language. Indicate the language that will be used by those obtaining consent.If you checked N/A, please provide reasoning of why subjects with limited English proficiency are excluded. **Note**: if you stated that subjects with LEP will be enrolled, you are approved for the use of the Emory IRB short forms. Please read the guidance about the use of short forms here. | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Consent Process-Children:** After determining if the subject is a child per GA law (or if enrolled outside GA, per state/country law), please describe whether parental permission will be obtained from:* Both parents unless one parent is deceased, unknown, incompetent, or not reasonably available, or when only one parent has legal responsibility for the care and custody of the child.
* One parent even if the other parent is alive, known, competent, reasonably available, and shares legal responsibility for the care and custody of the child.

Describe whether permission will be obtained from individuals other than parents, and if so, who will be allowed to provide permission. Describe the process used to determine these individuals’ authority to consent to each child’s general medical care.When assent of children is obtained describe whether and how it will be documented per Emory Policies and Procedures | [ ]  **Yes**  |
| **Consent Process-Cognitively Impaired Adults:** describe the process to determine whether an individual is capable of consent. The IRB allows the person obtaining assent to document assent on the consent document and does not routinely require assent documents and does not routinely require children to sign assent documents. | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Consent Process-Adults Unable to Consent:**  List the individuals from whom permission will be obtained in the order of priority. (E.g., durable power of attorney for health care, a court-appointed guardian for health care decisions, spouse, and adult child.)For research conducted in the state, review “46 LEGALLY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES AND SURROGATE CONSENT” to be aware of which individuals in the state meet the definition of “legally authorized representative.”For research conducted outside of the state, provide information that describes which individuals are authorized under applicable law to consent on behalf of a prospective subject to their participation in the procedure(s) involved in this research. Describe the process for the assent of the participants. Indicate whether:* Assent will be required of all, some, or none of the participants. If some, indicated, which participants will be required to assent and which will not.
* If assent will not be obtained from some or all participants, an explanation of why not.

Describe whether the assent of the participants will be documented and the process to document assent. The IRB allows the person obtaining assent to document assent on the consent document and does not routinely require assent documents and does not routinely require participants to sign assent documents | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Waiver or Alteration of Consent and HIPAA authorization (consent will not be obtained, required information will not be disclosed, or the research involves deception)** Review the [Emory IRB waiver document](http://www.irb.emory.edu/documents/Combined_Waiver_Consent_HIPAA_Elements.docx) to ensure you have provided sufficient information for the IRB to make these determinations.If the research involves a waiver of the consent process for planned emergency research, please review the Emory P&Ps, Chapter 48, WAIVERS OF, AND EXCEPTIONS FROM, INFORMED CONSENT FOR PLANNED EMERGENCY RESEARCH to ensure you have provided sufficient information for the IRB to make these determinations. | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Setting\*:** Describe the sites or locations where your research team will conduct the research including where the subject will be identified and recruited, where the research procedures will be performed, and if you will involve a community advisory board. For research conducted outside the organization and its affiliates describe the site-specific regulations or customs affecting the research outside the organization and the local scientific and ethical review structure outside the organization. | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Resources Available\*:** Describe the resources available to conduct the research such us the feasibility of recruiting the required number of suitable participants within the agreed recruitment period; describe the time that you will devote to conducting and completing the research; describe the availability of medical or psychological resources that participants might need as a result of an anticipated consequences of the human research; describe your process to ensure that all persons assisting with the research are adequately informed about the protocol, the research procedures, and their duties and functions. | [ ]  **Yes** |
| **Multi-Site Research when Emory is the Lead Site**Study -Wide Number of Participants: indicate the total number of participants to be accrued across all sites.Study-Wide Recruitment Methods: If this is a multicenter study and participants will be recruited by methods not under the control of the local site (e.g., call centers, national advertisements) describe those methods. Describe when, where, and how potential participants will be recruited.Describe the methods that will be used to identify potential participants.Describe materials that will be used to recruit participants. Describe the processes to ensure communication among sites. See “WORKSHEET: Communication and Responsibilities (HRP-830).” All sites have the most current version of the protocol, consent document, and HIPAA authorization.All required approvals (initial, continuing review and modifications) have been obtained at each site (including approval by the site’s IRB of record).All modifications have been communicated to sites and approved (including approval by the site’s IRB of record) before the modification is implemented.All engaged participating sites will safeguard data, including secure transmission of data, as required by local information security policies.All local site investigators conduct the study in accordance with applicable federal regulations and local laws. All non-compliance with the study protocol or applicable requirements will reported in accordance with local policyDescribe the method for communicating to engaged participating sites (see “WORKSHEET: Communication and Responsibilities (HRP-830)”):* Problems (inclusive of reportable events).
* Interim results.
* The closure of a study

If this is a multicenter study where you are a participating site/investigator, describe the local procedures for maintenance of confidentiality. (See “WORKSHEET: Communication and Responsibilities (HRP-830).”)* Where and how data or specimens will be stored locally?
* How long the data or specimens will be stored locally?
* Who will have access to the data or specimens locally?
* Who is responsible for receipt or transmission of the data or specimens locally?
* How data and specimens will be transported locally?
 | [ ]  **Yes** |