

Attachment 10

Consent to Participate in Telephone Interview

Purpose

You are being asked to participate in a telephone interview along with your spouse or partner. RTI International is conducting a series telephone interviews with couples sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The purpose of the interviews is to learn about how women and their partners work together and communicate about women's health and healthy behaviors. You are eligible to take part in the discussions because you are married or in a committed relationship. About 150 people total will take part in the discussions.

Procedures

If you agree to participate, you will take part in an interview over the telephone for about 60 minutes.

An experienced interviewer from RTI will moderate the discussion. Another member of our project team will take notes during the interview. The discussion will also be audio recorded. The recordings will help us get everything you have to say. It is possible that someone from the CDC would be listening to our call so they can better understand the views and opinions of couples. If they are on the call, we will let you know. They also will not participate in any way during the call. They will only listen to the interview.

Possible Risks or Discomforts

We do not expect any risks to you and your spouse or partner from participating in the interview. It is possible that some of the things we discuss could make you uneasy; however, if either one of you find that any of the questions make you uncomfortable, you do not have to answer them.

Benefits

There are no direct benefits to you and your partner or spouse from answering the questions except the satisfaction of helping CDC better understand issues relating to women's health and healthy behaviors so that they may develop better health information for both women and their spouses or partners.

Compensation for Participation

Each of you will receive \$35.00 for your time and effort to participate in the telephone discussion.

Security of Information

Your answers will be used to write a summary report, but we will not use any real names in the report. Your name will not be given to anyone. The notes and the tapes will be kept in a locked file cabinet in the RTI office and will be destroyed after the project is completed.

Future Contacts

RTI and CDC will not contact you in the future regarding this study.

Your Rights

Your decision to take part in this interview is completely voluntary. You can refuse any activity and you can stop participating at any time. You can refuse to answer any question. If you decide to participate and later change your mind, you will not be contacted again or asked for further information.

Your Questions

If you have any questions about the telephone discussions, you may call Dr. Megan Lewis at RTI at 1-800-334-8571 extension 26834. If you have any questions about your rights as a focus group participant, you may call RTI's Office of Research Protection toll-free at 1-866-214-2043.

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