

**Appendix C: Informed Consent**  
**Focus Groups on Prescription Drugs**  
**Consent Form**

**Purpose:**

- You are being asked to take part in a focus group for a research study for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- Westat, an independent social science research firm, is conducting the study on behalf of FDA.
- The purpose of the focus groups is to gather thoughts and opinions on prescriptions.

**What is involved:**

- You are being asked to be part of a discussion with 5 to 6 other people.
- We will ask you some questions about new prescription drugs with technology. You will be asked to share your thoughts with the leader and the rest of the group.
- The focus group discussion will take approximately 60 minutes.

**Confidentiality:**

- Your name and information will be kept secure to the extent provided by law.
- We will audio and video record the discussions.
- Project staff from FDA and Westat may be observing the discussion.
- What you say will not be connected with your name. We will report our results in a summary report. We may use quotes you say in our report, but we won't use your name.
- Study information will be kept in password protected files on secure servers at Westat and FDA locations. No information that can identify you will be given to FDA.
- The data collected in this study will be destroyed no later than three years after the project is completed.

**Risks:**

- This study is completely voluntary.
- You can stop participating at any time.
- There are no known risks for participation in this research activity.

**Benefits:**

- Other than the \$75/250 token of appreciation for your participation, there are no other direct benefits to you for participating in this study.
- You will be helping with an important research project.

**Questions:**

- If you have questions about the project you may call the Westat Project Director, Simani Price at [simaniprice@westat.com](mailto:simaniprice@westat.com) or 301-610-5536.

You will receive [~~\$75/250~~] as a token of appreciation for your participation in the discussion.