APPENDIX D

FORM D

CONSENT FORM TEMPLATE

[Insert Title of Study and "Consent Form"]

Please Note: Unless required by your research sponsor, EXEMPT research does NOT require a CONSENT FORM for participants. However, a "Letter to Participants", informing them about their participation, and including the issues covered in this consent form template, must be developed and submitted at the time of IRB application.

You are invited to be in a research study of [insert general statement about study]. You were selected as a possible participant because [explain how person was identified]. We ask that you read this form and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to be in the study.

This study is being conducted by: [Indicate affiliation (Clark Atlanta University)]

Background Information:

The purpose of this study is: [Explain research question and purpose in simple language].

Procedures:

If you agree to be in this study, we would ask you to do the following things. [Explain tasks and procedures; participants should be told about assignment to study groups, length of time for participation, frequency of procedures, etc.]

If there will be payment or other compensation (raffle, credits etc.), please explain it here and list disbursement schedule (if any).

Risks and Benefits of Being in the Study:

The study has several risks. First, _____, Second, etc.

Risk must be explained, including the nature of the risk. If there are significant physical, psychological, social, or economic risks to participation, the participant should be told under what condition the researcher will terminate the study.

If there is a physically invasive procedure, or an exercise component to this research, where there is even a slight risk of injury, the following statement must be included in the consent form:

In the event that this research activity results in an injury, treatment will be available, including first aid, emergency treatment and follow-up care as needed.

You will be given a copy of this form to keep for your records.

Statement of Consent: I have read the above information. I have asked questions and have received answers. I consent to participate in the study.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Signature of Investigator _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Children under the age of eight (8) require the permission of their parent(s) or legal guardians to participate in any type of research; those over the age of eight (8) require permission from their parent(s)/legal guardian, in addition to their Assent to participation.

PLEASE consider the attainment of informed consent as a process within the research design that requires your attention. The consent/assent forms that are approved by the IRB committee will be stamped as such and returned to the researcher and must be utilized throughout the research study.