

AUTHORIZATION TO USE AND DISCLOSE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES

Information About the Research Study

Drs. Reisine and Schensul and their staff are conducting a research study called Changing Oral Health Norms and Hygiene Practices among Vulnerable Older Adults. The purpose of the study is to understand oral health beliefs and behaviors of older adults and to help them improve their oral health.

Voluntary Status

Because of a federal law called the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA), we must get your permission to use and disclose your identifiable health information for this research study. This form is used to document that permission. Because of HIPAA you must also receive a copy of the Health Center's rules about privacy.

Your decision whether to give permission is voluntary. The only consequence of not granting permission is that you will not be allowed to participate in this research study.

Information That Will be Used / Disclosed

The following information about you may be used and disclosed for the purpose of this research study:

- demographic information
- results of dental exams
- medical and dental histories

How the Information Will be Used / Disclosed

The information noted above will be used and disclosed for the following purpose(s):

- to describe the characteristics of the participants in the study
- to monitor your oral health status
- to assess the relationships between demographic data and oral health outcomes
- to determine whether you should be excluded from the dental exam

People/Offices That Will Have Access to Your Information

The following people/entities may use and disclose your protected health information.

- Drs. Reisine and Schensul and their staff
- The Health Center's Institutional Review Board and Human Subjects Protection Office and Office of Research Compliance
- Hospital or University of Connecticut Health Center representatives.
- Government representatives, such as the Food & Drug Administration or Office for Human Research Protections; when required by law.
- The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, the sponsor of this study

The researchers and staff agree to protect your information by using and disclosing it only as stated in this document and as directed by state and federal law. Once your health information has been disclosed to anyone outside of this institution, the information may no longer be protected under this authorization.

