
CONSENT FORM

You are invited to take part in a research study about understanding the treatment decision making experiences for patients newly diagnosed with cancer, living in California.

The researcher is inviting individuals between the ages of 25 to 80, without cognitive impairment, newly diagnosed with cancer, without a previous diagnosis of cancer, and living in California at the time of diagnosis, to be in the study. This form is part of a process called “informed consent” to allow you to understand this study before deciding whether to take part.

This study is being conducted by a researcher named Bonnie Quinonez, who is a doctoral student at Walden University. You might already know the researcher as a project consultant, but this study is separate from that role.

Background Information:

The purpose of this study is to develop a deeper understanding of the treatment decision making experiences for patients newly diagnosed with cancer, living in California.

Procedures:

If you agree to be in this study, you will be invited to:

- Participation in one in-person or phone interview. Estimated 60 minutes or less.
- Collection of daily journal notes (optional). Estimated time 3-10 minutes a day, three to five times each week, for a maximum of 30 days after the in-person interview.
- Participate in one follow-up phone call lasting approximately 3-5 minutes will, 30-45 days after the interview.

Here are some sample questions:

- “Starting with the day you found out you had cancer, tell me everything you can remember about your experience.”
- “Share with me anything you remember about the information your provider(s) shared with you about your diagnosis?”

Voluntary Nature of the Study:

This study is voluntary. You are free to accept or turn down the invitation. If you decide to be in the study now, you can still change your mind later. You may stop at any time. It is possible that upon review of the inclusion criteria that a volunteer might not be accepted in to the study. If a volunteer is found not to meet inclusion criteria, the volunteer will be immediately notified by the researcher

Risks and Benefits of Being in the Study:

Being in this type of study involves some risk of the minor discomforts that can be encountered in daily life, such as added stress. Being in this study would not pose risk to your safety or wellbeing. Participants could feel distress participating in the study from discussing

their cancer diagnosis and national resources can be used. The American Cancer Society (ACS) provides resources to patients diagnosed with cancer and their families. The ACS contact information and web site are provided below.

800-227-2345

<http://www.cancer.org/treatment/supportprogramsservices/index>

The potential benefits to this study is to develop processes to support patient preferences for cancer treatment. In addition, cancer patients, the oncology health care community, and health care leaders can use the research findings to develop clinical and program strategies that focus on supporting patient decision making.

Payment:

There is no monetary payment offered.

Privacy:

Reports coming out of this study will not share the identities of individual participants. Details that might identify participants, such as the location of the study, also will not be shared. The only reference made to location in this study is the state of California. The researcher will not use your personal information for any purpose outside of this research project. Data will be kept secure by using password protected locked files. Names will also be replaced with numeric values. The names with numeric value assignment will be kept in a separate file also password protected. Data will be kept for a period of at least 5 years, as required by the university.

Contacts and Questions:

You may ask any questions you have now. Or if you have questions later, you may contact the researcher via email: bonnie.quinonez@waldenu.edu

If you want to talk privately about your rights as a participant, you can call the Research Participant Advocate at my university at 612-312-1210.

Walden University's approval number for this study is **11-28-16-0508681** and it expires on **November 27, 2017**.

The researcher will give you a copy of this form to keep.

Obtaining Your Consent

If you feel you understand the study well enough to make a decision about it, please indicate your consent by signing below.

Printed Name of Participant	
Date of consent	
Participant's Signature	
Researcher's Signature	