



## UNION INSTITUTE & UNIVERSITY

### Your Rights as a Participant in Research

The federal government and the scientific, professional, and educational communities have established principles to guide researchers. Union Institute & University's Institutional Review Board requires all researchers to be guided by these principles, which establish your rights as a participant in a research project.

When you are asked to participate in a research project, you have the right to:

- Freely choose to participate or not to participate. You should not feel pressured or rushed into deciding.
- Receive a written description of the study that provides you with the information you need to make a decision. This form is called an "Informed Consent Form." You should not sign the form until the researcher has answered all your questions.

The written description of the study should include all the following:

- A description of any experimental procedures
- How long and how frequently you will be involved
- Any possible risks or harm to you
- The expected benefits of the study—to you or to others
- How much you will be paid, if anything
- What expenses you will be reimbursed for, if any
- What other treatments, if any, are available
- Whether your participation will be confidential and, if so, how confidentiality will be protected

The researcher should also provide to you, in writing:

- A name, address, and telephone number of someone who can answer your questions.
- A name, address, and telephone number to call in case of an emergency.

If the research is part of a course or training program, you have the right to:

- Choose an alternative to participation that will provide equal or greater credit.

Once you have agreed to participate, you have the right to:

- Discontinue your participation for any (or no) reason, at any time.
- Expect answers to any questions you have about the study while it is in progress.
- Have access to the report on the results/findings of the study.