Consent Form Elements:

It is suggested that you address the following questions and issues in a form that is understandable by your potential participants.

1. In brief, what is the purpose of the research?

2. How many participants will be needed?

3. What is the expected duration of the participation for each participant?

4. What will the participant be asked to do?

5. What are the reasonably foreseeable risks or discomforts to the participant?

6. What are the benefits to the participant or to others which may reasonably be expected from the research?

6. How will the confidentiality of records identifying the participant be maintained?

7. Who to contact for answers to pertinent questions about the research and research subjects' rights, and who to contact in the event of a research-related injury to the subject.

8. A statement that participation is voluntary, refusal to participate will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which the subject is otherwise entitled. The subject may discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which the subject is otherwise entitled.

Signatures and Date