INFORMED CONSENT GUIDELINES

Your informed consent form must include the following:

Title of the Study:

Purpose and description:
Statements outlining in lay language the purpose of the research. Also indicate if the study is being conducted in partial fulfillment of a degree.

Procedures:
A description of what will be done in the study and how long the procedure will take (eg questionnaire/interview and the timeframe for completion of procedure)

Risks:
Explicit statements about any risks or discomfort to the participant, with an assessment of the degree of risk and viable alternatives

Benefits:
Explicit statements about any benefits to the participant, or to the wider society

Right to withdraw or refusal to participate:
A statement that the subject's participation is voluntary and that refusal to participate or (if after having agreed to participate) withdrawal from the study at any time will not affect the participant's access to or the type of care to which he or she is entitled

Confidentiality:
A statement on how participant's anonymity will be maintained

Compensation:
A statement that addresses whether or not compensation will be given for participating in the study. If compensation is given, the monetary amount/incentive should be stated.

Contact Details for Researcher/Principal Investigator
The following statement must be included: "If you have any questions regarding the research project, you may contact the principal investigator; (*Name, address, e-mail address and telephone number)*".

Rights as a Research Participant:
The following statement must be included: "For independent advice on your rights as a research participant please contact Professor Helen Trotman-Edwards, Chair-Mona Campus Research Ethics Committee, University of the West Indies, Mona, Kgn 7 (Tel: (876) 970-4892, e-mail: mcrec@uwimona.edu.jm)".

Statement of DECLARATION:

1. Statements that the participant or his/her legal guardian has read the informed consent form, or that it has been read to him/her, and that s/he understands its contents; that a copy will be given to the participant; and that the signature of the participant or the legal guardian indicates that s/he has agreed to participate;
2. that time will be given for the participant to consider his or her involvement
3. Provision of space for an independent witness (not connected to the research protocol).

Name of Respondent:_____

Signature of Respondent: _____

DATE:_____

Name of Researcher:_____

Signature of Respondent:_____

Date:_____

Signature of Independent Witness :_____