**Informed Consent Statement Sample-Anonymous Survey only**

For research that is minimal risk and does not require signed Informed Consent documents, the following Informed Consent Statement may be used.

**Instructions:**

1. Include information specific to your project in the bracket areas below [].
2. Delete brackets, instructions and **notes** before submitting to the IRB.
3. If collecting surveys face-to-face, researchers must present a copy of the consent information for participants to keep.
4. If collecting data online, you **must** follow survey provider instructions to **anonymize responses**. Review Qualtrics help for anonymizing responses and using an anonymous link:
	* <https://www.qualtrics.com/support/survey-platform/distributions-module/web-distribution/anonymous-link/>
5. If collecting data online, provide participants a downloadable copy or print instructions.
	* Review Qualtrics help for adding consent as a downloadable file: <https://www.qualtrics.com/support/survey-platform/survey-module/editing-questions/rich-content-editor/insert-a-downloadable-file/>
	* Convert consent file to a pdf
	* Save the file with a name that is brief but self-explanatory
6. If collecting data online, participants **must** select a box agreeing or disagreeing to participate in the survey, not simply continue to survey to indicate agreement. Review Qualtrics help for adding consent to a Qualtrics survey: <https://www.qualtrics.com/support/survey-platform/common-use-cases-rc/building-a-consent-form/>

*Text for anonymous survey consent:*

The purpose of this survey is to [**purpose of research**]. Your participation in completing this survey is voluntary and you may decide to stop at any time with no penalty, or you may choose not to answer any of the survey questions **(remove last part of sentence if the online survey is configured to require answers to all questions)**. All responses are anonymous and no data about your identity is being collected. [**describe measures to ensure anonymity, such as limited demographic data being collected, survey platform not collecting any information such as IP address or geo-location**]. This survey should not take more than [**#**] minutes.

**Future research:** Anonymous data will be saved and may be shared with other researchers. You will not be told specific details about these future research studies as the researchers will not be able to identify you to contact you regarding future research. **OR** Anonymous data won’t be used or shared for any future research studies.

If you have any questions or concerns about the nature of this research or the survey please contact [**your name**], [**title**], [**phone number**], [**email**], [**Faculty supervisor if Student is PI**] or irb@westga.edu.

I am at least 18 years old, have read the above information, my questions concerning this study have been answered and provide my consent to participate under the terms above.

\_\_\_ I agree to participate in this study

\_\_\_ I do not agree to participate in this study

*Remember to print or save a copy of this consent for your records.*