

Permission to Take Part in a Human Research Study

Protocol Title: Human Values Project
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Description of Study Population: Clinicians, patients, and public health experts
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Key Information

The following is a short summary of this study to help you decide whether or not to participate.

Why am I being invited to take part in a research study?

We have invited you to take part in a research study because you are a clinician, patient, or public health expert.

What should I know about a research study?

- Whether or not you take part is up to you.
- You can choose not to take part.
- Your decision will not be held against you.
- You can ask all the questions you want before you decide.

Why is this research being done?

This is a study of human decision-making across multiple clinical contexts and in various roles (e.g., patient or doctor). The goal is to obtain thousands of decisions (e.g., which patient would you see first, or which treatment would you prefer?). These decisions will then be made available to researchers who are comparing Artificial Intelligence (AI) decisions to human decisions.

How long will I take part in this research?

You will respond to up to 5 questions, which should take no more than a total of 5-10 minutes.

What will I be asked to do?

You will be given pairs of clinical situations and asked for a decision (e.g., which patient gets seen in clinic first or which treatment would you prefer). That pair of situations and the response will then be recorded in a database, along with your role (clinician, researcher, public health expert, patient, etc.). This database will be made available to researchers studying artificial intelligence. You will also be required to provide an email address to ensure that you only answer each question once, but your email address will not be stored with the results.

Is there any way being in this study could be bad for me?

There is a small risk that your email address could be released. This risk is minimized by storing your email address securely and separately from your responses.

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Will being in this study help me in any way?

There are no direct benefits to you from your participation in this research.

Will I be paid to participate in this research?

You will not be compensated for your participation in this research.

Will I have to pay for anything to participate in this research?

It will not cost you anything to participate in this research.

What happens if I do not want to be in this research?

Participation in research is voluntary. You can decide to participate, not to participate, or stop participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. Your alternative to participating in this research study is not to participate.

Who can I talk to?

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or think the research has hurt you, please reach out to the study Principal Investigator: Isaac_Kohane@hms.harvard.edu.

This research has been reviewed by a Harvard Longwood Campus Institutional Review Board (IRB). If you wish to speak with someone from the IRB, you may contact the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Research Compliance (ORARC) at irb@hsph.harvard.edu or 617-432-2157 (toll-free at 1-866-606-0573) for any of the following:

- If your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team,
- If you cannot reach the research team,
- If you want to talk to someone besides the research team,
- If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, or
- If you want to get information or provide input about this research.

Statement of Consent

I have read the information in this consent form including risks and possible benefits. All my questions about the research have been answered to my satisfaction. I understand that if I choose to complete the survey, this means that I have consented to participate.