Research Subject Bill of Rights

The Staff of the VCU Clinical Research Services wish you to know:

- Your willingness to contribute to new medical knowledge is valued and appreciated
- The research being pursued with your participation is considered to be of value and worthy of your efforts
- The research plan is to obtain the greatest information at the least possible risk
- You will have a clear understanding of the purpose of the research
- You will have a clear understanding of your role in the research
- Whenever a research treatment differs from usual treatment you will be informed
- You will have a clear understanding of all known risks, discomforts, and inconveniences you might experience during the research
- Benefits will not be suggested or promised to you that do not clearly exist
- Economic benefits to solicit or coerce your participation will not be used
- The utmost effort will be made to protect your personal information
- You will know who is in charge of the research project
- You will be given information as to how to contact the investigator(s) at any time
- Any findings during the study that might affect your willingness to continue will be promptly given to you
- Before signing your Informed Consent you will be given the above information and an opportunity to ask any questions you have
- You will receive a signed copy of the consent document and given assurance that your legal rights remain intact
- Deciding to withdraw from a research study will not negatively affect future care at this hospital
- You can ask questions regarding additional expenses that could occur due to participation in a research study

If you have any uncertainty regarding a specific research study, please contact the principal investigator or his/her research staff and they will be glad to talk with you. For general information about research subject participation and safety please feel free to contact Jennifer Economy at 804-827-0472 or jeconomy@mcvh-vcu.edu.