

**Institutional Review Board (“IRB”)**

**Assent Form Template**

Parents or legal guardians must sign consent forms permitting children or minors under the age of 18 years-old to participate in research studies. In addition, children and minors under the age of 18 years-old are required to sign an Assent Form. Language must be simplified as appropriate for the age group used as human research subjects. For example:

I have been informed that my parent(s) or legal guardian(s) have given permission for me to participate, if I want to, in a research study called [INSERT TITLE OF RESEARCH STUDY]. I understand that my participation in this research study is voluntary and that I may stop my participation in this research study at any time. If I choose not to participate in this research study, it will not affect me in any way.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature:

Parent or Legal Guardian Name:

Date:

Child Signature:

Child Name:

Date: