**SAMPLE: Verbal Consent Script**

**Instructions:** Statements *in brackets and* *italics* are instructions or examples. Do not include them in the final version of the script. You alternatively can use a study information sheet template as a verbal consent script.

Hello, my name is ­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the University of California, Irvine.

*[Optional – If the PI is not the person contacting the subject]:* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the researcher in charge of this study.

I’d like to ask you to participate in a research study about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*[Optional – If it is unclear why subjects were selected]:* We are asking you to be in this study because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

If you agree to be in this study, we will ask you to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The study will take about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[hours/minutes]* to complete. We will keep all of your personal information confidential.

Participating in this study is optional, and you can tell me if you want to stop being in the study at any time.

Do you have any questions about the study?

Would you like to participate?

If you have questions about this study in the future, you can contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant, you can call the UCI Institutional Review Board at 949-824-6662 or email at IRB@research.uci.edu

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**Verbal Consent Talking Points**

**Instructions:** Use the bullet points below to guide the verbal consent discussion.

* **Who you are:** Identify yourself and clarify that you are associated with UCI.
* **Research study:** Explain that you are asking the subject to participate in a research study.
* **Who’s in charge:** *If the lead researcher is not conducting the consent discussion –* Give the name of the researcher in charge of the project.
* **Purpose and/or procedures:** Provide a brief description of the study purpose, and activities or types of questions that will be asked.
* **Why subjects were selected:** *If unclear how subjects were chosen –* Describe how the subject was selected or why he/she is being asked to participate.
* **Time commitment:** Clarify how long participation will take.
* **Stop Participating:** State that the subject can stop participating at any time and, *if applicable*, skip survey questions.
* **Compensation:**  *If subject will be compensated for participation* –Explain compensation. The following are example text that may apply.

*[If subjects will be compensated through the social science lab]* You will receive extra course credit for an eligible course through the UCI Social Sciences human subjects’ pool.You will receive a ½ unit of course credit for each ½ hour of participation in this study. Total amount of credit you may earn for this study is *[Enter total # of units]*. The course instructor offering extra course credit for participation in research must provide alternatives to earn extra course credit. The alternative assignment must require equal or less time and effort for the amount of extra credit that can be earned through participation in research.

*[If subjects will be compensated for one session]* You will receive *[Enter type of compensation and amount/value]* for your participation in this study. *Example: a $5 gift card to a local merchant*

*[If subjects will be compensated for multiple sessions]* You will receive *[Enter type of compensation and amount/value]* after each study visit. There are *[Enter # of study sessions]* sessions. Total compensation for participation in this study is *[Enter total compensation for completion of the study]*. If you decide to withdraw from the study or are with

* **Confidentiality:** Confirm that confidentiality of the research data will be maintained and the subject’s personal information will not be shared with anyone outside the research team.
* **Optional Participation:** Explain that participation is voluntary and ask if the subject wants to participate.
* **Contact Info:** Provide contact information for the researcher conducting the study and whom to contact with questions (if different). Also explain that the subject can call the UCI Institutional Review Board at 949-824-6662 with questions or concerns about his/her rights as a research participant.

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