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**IRB ASSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH FOR AGE UP TO 12 YEARS**

**(SAMPLE)**

**Project Information**

**Note for Researchers:**

Use the following headings exactly as they are. Provide clear, concise, and easy-to-understand descriptions specific to your study. Use language that is age-appropriate, avoids technical jargon, and directly addresses the participant.

**Why Are We Doing This Study?**

Explain the purpose of the study in simple terms. Focus on the goal and how the research could benefit people in the future.

**Example:**

"We are doing this study to learn more about how children recover after injuries so we can help them heal better and faster."

**Why Am I Being Asked to Be in This Study?**

Describe why the participant was chosen for the study in a relatable way.

**Example:**

"You are being asked to be in the study because we want to learn from children your age who have had a similar experience."

**What If I Have Questions?**

Let participants know they can ask questions at any time and provide contact details for follow-up questions.

**Example:**

"If you have questions now or later, you can talk to [researcher's name] at [phone number] or ask anyone in the study team."

**What Will Happen if I Am in the Study?**

Provide a step-by-step description of what participants will do during the study, using straightforward language. Include the time commitment.

**Example:**

"If you join the study, you will need to visit the hospital three times so we can check how you are doing and ask you a few questions. Each visit will take about an hour."

**Will It Uncomfortable?**

We want you to know that some things in the study might be uncomfortable. For example, [mention in simple words, e.g., "if we need to take a small amount of blood with a needle, it might feel like a quick pinch and leave a small mark"]. If you ever feel uncomfortable, please tell us.



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**Signature Section by attendant (Specify relation)**

If you want to be in this study, please sign or print your name below.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Print your name), would like to be in this research study.

*If the child is unable to read/write, verbal assent was received:* Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Name of Participant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant's Thumb Print:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature of Participant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and Signature of Person Obtaining Assent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_