

Authorization to Use Your Health Information for Research Purposes

You have agreed to participate in a research study and have signed or will sign a separate informed consent that explains the procedures of the study and the risks and benefits of participation. This authorization form gives more detailed information about how your personal health information may be used and disclosed by the University of Pennsylvania Health System (UPHS), the School of Medicine and the individual Principal Investigator, subject to University of Pennsylvania procedures.

What information about me may be collected, used or shared with others?

The study team will record your medical history, the treatment you receive, and the results of examinations and tests done during the study on study forms. The study team will send the completed study forms to the study sponsor. Representatives from the groups identified below may need to look at your medical records to make sure that the information on the study forms is correct or that the study was conducted properly. Your medical records may include other health information about you and may include documents that directly identify you. Reviews like that will take place at the study center or where the medical records are stored and can take place after the study is over.

Why is my information being used?

Your information is used by the research team to contact you during the study. Your information and results of tests and procedures are used to:

- do the research
- oversee the research
- to see if the research was done right
- to evaluate and manage research functions.

Who may use and share information about me?

The following individuals may use or share your information for this research study:

- The investigator for the study and the study team
- Other authorized personnel at Penn, including offices that support research operations
- Other research personnel with access to the databases for research and/or study coordination and as otherwise approved by the IRB

Who, outside of the School of Medicine, might receive my information?

- The Office for Human Research Protections (including the FDA) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- The sponsor of this research, National Institute of Health.
- The representative of companies/Institutions working on the study on behalf of the Sponsor may have access to, inspect and review your information during and after the study for verification of clinical and scientific research procedures and/or data.
- Data and Safety Monitoring Boards and others authorized to monitor the conduct of the Study.
- Other collaborating institution's research team(s).
- The results of imaging studies may be disclosed to outside institutions, not directly involved in this research study, as part of a collaborative imaging project. Your name and other identifying information will not be disclosed.

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- Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) agencies.
- The StrokeNet Central Institutional Review Board and any other committees responsible for overseeing the research.
- The StrokeNet Central Institutional Review Board Human Research Protection Program staff.
- The StrokeNet National Data Management Center (NDMC), housed in the Data Coordination Unit (DCU) in the Department of Public Health Sciences at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC).

Once your personal health information is disclosed to others outside the School of Medicine, it may no longer be covered by federal privacy protection regulations.

The Principal Investigator or study staff will inform you if there are any additions to the list above during your active participation in the trial. Any additions will be subject to University of Pennsylvania procedures developed to protect your privacy.

Electronic Medical Records and Research Results

What is an Electronic Medical Record and/or a Clinical Trial Management System?

An Electronic Medical Record (EMR) is an electronic version of the record of your care within a health system. An EMR is simply a computerized version of a paper medical record.

A clinical trial management system (CTMS) is used to register your information as a participant in a study and to allow for your research data to be entered/stored for the purposes of data analysis and any other required activity for the purpose of the conduct of the research.

If you are receiving care or have received care within the University of Pennsylvania Health System (UPHS) (outpatient or inpatient) and are participating in a University of Pennsylvania research study, information related to your participation in the research (i.e. laboratory tests, imaging studies and clinical procedures) may be placed in your existing EMR maintained by UPHS. Information related to your participation in clinical research will also be contained in the CTMS.

If you have never received care within UPHS and are participating in a University of Pennsylvania research study that uses UPHS services, an EMR will be created for you for the purpose of maintaining any information produced from your participation in this research study. The creation of this EMR is required for your participation in this study. In order to create your EMR, the study team will need to obtain basic information about you that would be similar to the information you would provide the first time you visit a hospital or medical facility (i.e. your name, the name of your primary doctor, the type of insurance you have). Information related to your participation in the study (i.e. laboratory tests, imaging studies and clinical procedures) may be placed in this EMR.

Once placed in your EMR or in the CTMS, your information may be accessible to appropriate UPHS workforce members that are not part of the research team. Information within your EMR may also be shared with others who are determined by UPHS to be appropriate to have access to your EMR (e.g. health insurance company, disability provider, etc.).

How long may the School of Medicine use or disclose my personal health information?

Your authorization for use of your personal health information for this specific study does not expire.

Your information may be held in a research database. However, the School of Medicine may not re-use or re-disclose information collected in this study for a purpose other than this study unless:

- You have given written authorization
- The University of Pennsylvania's Institutional Review Board grants permission
- As permitted by law

Can I change my mind about giving permission for use of my information?

Yes. You may withdraw or take away your permission to use and disclose your health information at any time. You do this by sending written notice to the investigator for the study. If you withdraw your permission, you will not be able to stay in this study.

What if I decide not to give permission to use and give out my health information?

Then you will not be able to be in this research study.

You will be given a copy of this Research Subject HIPAA Authorization describing your confidentiality and privacy rights for this study.

By signing this document, you are permitting the School of Medicine to use and disclose personal health information collected about you for research purposes as described above.

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PARTICIPANT OR LEGALLY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

If you agree to the use and release of the above Protected Health Information, please print your name, sign, and date.

**Printed First and Last Name of Participant or Legally
Authorized Representative**

Date

**Signature of Participant or Legally Authorized
Representative**

Date

WITNESS

If this form is being read to the participant or legally authorized representative because he/she cannot read or sign this form, a witness must be present and is required to print his/her name and sign here:

Printed First and Last Name of Witness

Date

Signature of Witness

Date