

ROYAL VICTORIAN EYE & EAR HOSPITAL RESEARCH PARTICIPANT'S STATEMENT OF RIGHTS

The Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital considers it important that you know:

Any patient who is asked to participate in a research study involving medical experiment, or who is requested to consent on behalf of another, has the right to:

1. Be informed of the nature and purpose of the experiment.
2. Be given an explanation of the procedures to be followed and any drugs used in the medical experiment.
3. Be given a description of discomforts and risks reasonably expected from the experiment, if applicable.
4. Be given an explanation of any benefits to the subject reasonably to be expected from the experiment, if applicable.
5. Be advised of appropriate, alternative procedures, drugs, or devices that might be advantageous to the subject, and their relative risks and benefits.
6. Be informed of the avenue of medical treatment, if any, available to the subject after the experiment if complications should arise.
7. Be given an opportunity to ask questions concerning the experiment or the procedures involved.
8. Know that consent to participate in the medical experiment may be withdrawn at any time, and that the subject may discontinue participation in the medical experiment without prejudice.
9. Be given a copy of the signed and dated written consent form when one is required.
10. Be given the opportunity to decide to consent or not to consent to a medical experiment without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, coercion or undue influence.

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If you have any complaints about any aspect of the project, the way it is being conducted or any questions about your rights as a research participant, then you may contact Human Research Ethics Committee Secretary on (03) 9929 8525.