

PATIENT MODEL CONSENT FORM
National Wilms Tumor Late Effects Study

Patient ID # _____

CONSENT FORM: OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE

I, _____, willingly agree to participate in this investigation, which has been explained to me by _____.
This research study is being conducted by the National Wilms Tumor Study (NWTs) and by _____.
(Institution)

The purpose of this research is to learn more about the possible causes of Wilms tumor and the effects of successful treatment for Wilms tumor. I have been asked to be in this voluntary study because I had a Wilms tumor and have completed therapy for the tumor. I have read and understand the two-page explanation of the purpose of this research study, and of the potential risks and benefits of participation, which is attached to this consent form. To determine the long-term effects of the treatment which has been given to me, I will be evaluated once per year by my own physician or, if I have no physician, by completing a brief questionnaire. This research study involves the completion of several forms requiring information about my family and my current state of health. Depending upon my health status, I may also be asked to allow copies of my medical records (to evaluate complications of previous treatment, childbirth, the occurrence of new medical conditions), and medical records regarding the birth and medical conditions of my children to be sent to the NWTs Data and Statistical Center. This study does not specifically involve obtaining any blood tests. These will be obtained at the discretion of my doctor.

POTENTIAL BENEFITS: Although there may be no direct benefit to me through participation in this study, other children who need treatment for Wilms tumor, the children's parents, and the health care professionals who take care of those children may benefit from increased knowledge about the children with Wilms tumor.

I understand that I will not be charged additional expenses for my participation in this study. I also understand that I will not receive money for participation in this study. I understand that I am free to withdraw my consent to participate in this study. I may withdraw consent at any time and this decision will not adversely affect my care at this institution or cause a loss of benefits to which I might be otherwise entitled.

All data obtained from this research will remain confidential and will only be used for biomedical research. The confidentiality of this document and all records from this research will be protected to the extent provided by law. Neither my name nor any other family member's name will be used in any report.

My signature below indicates that I have read all the above information, received answers concerning areas I do not understand, and am willingly giving my consent to participate in this program. On signing this form, I will receive a copy.

Patient

Date

Witness

Date

Physician

Date

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You are being asked to continue participation in this study because you were previously treated for Wilms tumor on the NWTS-5 protocol. This research project includes only people who choose to take part in it. Please consider the following information and take your time in making your decision.

WHY IS THIS STUDY BEING DONE?

The Late Effects Study is being conducted in order to answer scientific questions and to serve as a resource for Wilms tumor patients and their families. Although most people in this study enjoy good health, some may be at risk for certain health conditions. We are collecting information from as many participants as possible in order to determine if they or their offspring are at risk for adverse medical conditions. If there is more than one case of Wilms tumor in a given family, we plan to work with geneticists to try to estimate heritability and recurrence risks. We would like to answer your questions about possible long-term effects of treatment for Wilms tumor. This is why we are collecting information on health issues and pregnancies.

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL TAKE PART IN THE STUDY?

Over 5,000 people have chosen to participate in this study. We expect that more people will enroll as we contact them to continue participation, at least 1,500 between December 2001 and November 2006.

WHAT DOES PARTICIPATION INVOLVE?

Every five years we will send a Medical History Form for you to fill out and a Physical Exam Form for your physician to complete and return. In each of the intervening four years we send an annual request. This Annual Status Report asks about significant health events and confirms your most recent address.

Reports of conditions of particular interest are followed up with requests for consent to obtain confirming medical records. Current conditions of interest include pregnancy in participant or partner, heart, kidney or lung conditions, the development of other cancers, and the diagnosis of Wilms tumor in a family member.

We will always enclose return envelopes for your convenience.

WHAT IF I AM NOT SEEING A PHYSICIAN?

When we send the Physical Exam Form every five years we understand that a visit to a health care provider may be a prohibitive expense for some. Completion of this form is not a requirement for participation. Although we recommend continued medical care, we would like to continue hearing from you regardless of your ability to be seen by a health care provider.

ARE THERE BENEFITS TO TAKING PART IN THE STUDY?

If you agree to continue participation in this study you may not personally experience any medical benefits. However, you may benefit by the resources we provide when you contact us for information or advice. Members of our national committee stand ready to answer, as knowledgeably as possible, any questions you may have.

We believe that the information we collect about you and other participants will benefit other people diagnosed with or touched by Wilms tumor. Already people entered on the NWTS protocols have contributed enormously to our ability to successfully treat a new generation of children with Wilms tumor. By continuing to gather information on your current health and the health of your children we hope to learn about any risks associated with treatment for Wilms tumor.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF THE STUDY?

We respect that each person has a different comfort level with sharing certain aspects of his or her medical history. This discomfort is the primary risk of participation. However, we ask that you let us know if there is a particular part of our study for which you would rather not provide information. When we ask for annual updates you may decline to provide answers or releases for medical records if you are uncomfortable in sharing this information. Please let us know if you do not want to answer a particular question.

HOW LONG WILL I BE IN THE STUDY?

We would like you to participate in this study until the research is completed. However, you may withdraw at any time. We hope that you decide to continue participating and help us with this important research. However, if you decide to withdraw your consent to participate in the study, we encourage you to talk to your regular doctor first and to retain the information in this document so that you may contact us in the future. We remain available to you as a resource regardless of your participation status.

WHAT ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY?

Extensive efforts will be made to keep your personal information confidential. We cannot guarantee absolute confidentiality, but only those involved in the science of the study will be granted access to your medical records. Your personal identity will not be revealed in any publication or report.

In order to ensure compliance with the laws that govern research, the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (FHCRC) Institutional Review Board (IRB) will periodically audit studies. As part of their audit process, the IRB may review your medical records as they pertain to this protocol to ensure that the informed consent process was conducted properly. If you have any questions about this review process, you may call Karen Hansen, Director of the FHCRC Institutional Review Office at (206) 667-4867.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

This study makes no payments to participants for taking part in the study. We are also unable to provide any money for medical examinations or treatment.

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS AS A PARTICIPANT?

Taking part in this study is voluntary. You may choose not to take part or may leave the study at any time. Again, you may contact Karen Hansen at the phone number above regarding your rights as a research participant.

WHOM DO I CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION OR IF I HAVE QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS?

For questions about the study please call Dr. Norman Breslow at (800) 553-4878. Dr. Breslow is the Principal Investigator of the Late Effects Study, and the NWTs Statistician. You may also visit the website of the Data and Statistical Center at <http://www.nwtsg.org>.