**Informed consent to participate in research**

Informed consent should generally include:

1) **Description of the study**. The research participant should be informed about who is conducting the research (or in cooperation with whom), what the research objectives are, how the research will be conducted (methods, procedure) and how long his participation in the research will last.

2) **Contributions of research outcomes**. It is necessary to state what the benefits of the obtained knowledge will be for whom, as well as what is the potential reward for participating in the research.

3) **Risks**. Participants must be informed about any unpleasant feelings that may occur during or after the research, and what kind of psychological help can they receive in this case. Emphasize that in case of discomfort, they have the option to cease participation in the research without giving a reason.

4) **Data protection and use**. Inform the participants that the data will be used only for research (or alternatively for other) purposes and that participation in the research is anonymous. Explain how data will be anonymized and stored (where, for how long, who will have access to it), as well as where informed consents with personal data will be stored.

Add sentence: All materials obtained will be treated in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act (No. 122/2013) and GDPR (No. 18/2018) as confidential material.

5) **Voluntariness and the possibility of withdrawing participation**. Explain that participation in the research is voluntary and that it is possible to withdraw at any time without any consequences.

6) **Provide the researcher’s contact information.**

Statement

I, the undersigned ....................... confirm that

a) I have familiarized myself with information about the goals and course of the research described above

b) I understand the benefits and risks associated with my participation / alternatively the participation of my child / in the present research and that I can decide at any time not to continue my participation

c) I agree to the processing and storage of personal and sensitive data to the extent described in this informed consent

d) I voluntarily agree to the participation of my person / alternatively of my child / ..................... in this research, and with the publication of anonymized data and research outputs

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