Research Overview and Disclosures for Stone Lions Farm

Overview

Research conducted through Stone Lions Farm is organized and administered through collaboration between LiveLifeResources and UNCFoundation. We utilize a multidisciplinary approach to research with the intention of contributing to the literature concerning wellbeing of humans, non-humans, and the planet.

Our studies can be understood as a partnership between researchers and participants. For your safety and well-being each research study that uses human participants must follow specific approved protocol for ethical facilitation. Most of our studies occur either as singular case study components or within a learning format. Research not falling within these parameters is approved and monitored by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) when appropriate and necessary.

Non-Medical Research

All of the studies conducted through Stone Lions Farm are non-medical and non-invasive.

"Non-medical research" studies do not involve any medical testing or invasive procedures. The goal of conducting non-medical research studies is to learn more about society in some specific way and attempt to address fundamental questions of psychology, behavior, and qualitative experience through an experimental lens.

Non-medical researchers might also be called "social researchers," "behavioral researchers," and/or "education researchers."

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Is there risk involved with participating in a study?

In general, the most common risk posed by most non-medical research studies involves the confidentiality of the information collected about you. LLR researchers do everything possible to protect the privacy of any information shared with them.

Additionally, it is important to understand that while researchers can attempt to anticipate every potential issue or risk that may arise, ambiguity is part of the very nature of qualitative exploration. To this end it becomes a critical part of your responsibility as a participant to communicate with researchers if participating presents a physical, mental, or emotional challenge or discomfort.

The non-medical studies conducted through Stone Lions Farm focus on life-enhancing aspects of the human, non-human, and planetary condition.

Rights and Responsibilities

Every care will be taken to ensure that our research partnership is one of integrity, rapport, and ethical congruence. This includes informing you of your rights as a general participant. These rights apply to all research participants enrolled in both medical research and non-medical research.

- Your Rights as a Research Participant with LiveLifeResources:
- You have a right to be told that you are being asked to participate in research.
- You have a right to be told the purpose of the research.
- You have a right to be told what will happen during the study, what you are being asked to do, and how long it will last.
- You have a right to understand what part of the research is experimental.
- You have a right to be told about all of the possible risks, side effects and discomforts that you might expect if you decide to participate.
- You have a right to know about other options available if you decide not to participate.
- You have a right to understand how your personal information will be kept private.
- You have the right to withdraw from the study or refuse to participate at any time without penalty or loss of benefits
- You have the right to an informed consent discussion. This means the researcher should explain the whole study to you, and then without any pressure, allow you time to make the right choice for yourself.
- You have a right to receive a copy of your consent form, and information about who to contact if you should have any questions.

If you feel your rights have been violated, please contact stephanie@liveliferesources.com or 802-222-0212

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Additionally, you and the researchers have responsibilities to protect the integrity of research by being truthful and maintaining open lines of communication.

Your responsibilities as a research participant include:

- Respect investigators, research staff and other participants.
- Read the consent form and other documents. Ask questions if you do not
- understand something about the study, or your rights and responsibilities as a
- research participant or need more information.
- Carefully weigh the risks and benefits when deciding whether to participate in the
- study.
- Refrain from signing the consent document until you believe that you fully understand
- The parameters and feel comfortable with your decision to participate.
- Follow directions for participation identified in the consent form and research parameters.
- Know when the study begins and ends. This is particularly important for an
- intervention trial that has a follow-up period after the intervention is completed.
- Participate with scheduled activities on time, and inform the researchers within a
- reasonable time if they need to reschedule an appointment.
- Provide truthful answers to questions asked during screening/enrolment and during
- the study.
- Inform researchers if other medical care is needed while on the study.
- Inform the researchers if there are questions you would rather not answer.
- Report immediately any problems or symptoms you may experience as a result of participation during the study.
- Keep information about the study confidential, if asked to do so.
- Keep researchers informed when contact information (eg, phone number, address)
- changes.
- If you decide to withdraw from the study, inform your researchers and follow the
- procedures for withdrawal.

For more information or clarification, please review specific study consent forms and/or contact stephanie@liveliferesources.com