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## **INFORMED CONSENT - Patients**

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### **Investigator's Statement**

You are invited to participate in a research study conducted by the Ministry of Health and Population, Nyaya Health Nepal-Possible, the University of California, San Francisco, and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. We hope to learn more about how to improve treatment adherence for patients with depression by developing a mobile health application called COMMIT. You were selected as a possible participant in this study because you are receiving care as a patient with depression. You also are eligible as you live in the Nyaya Health Nepal catchment area population in Dolakha District. The research study is funded by the National Institutes of Health.

The purpose of this consent script is to give you the information you need to help you decide whether or not to be in the study. When all your questions have been answered, you can decide if you want to be in the study or not. This process is called "informed consent."

### **Procedures**

If you agree, your participation will involve the following:

- Health outcome analysis: we will look at your medical records and analyze data on your health outcomes: (including: health outcomes, geographic location, caste/ethnicity, and medical history); no direct involvement beyond receiving routine clinical care.
- Key-informant interview: you may be invited to attend an interview, one-on-one with a research staff member to assess acceptability (2 times) and feasibility (2 times). We will attempt to combine these interviews and the interview may last between 30-60 minutes. Your answers will be recorded and the interviewer(s) will take field notes.

\*Research staff may contact you to clarify your responses.

\*All research procedures will take place in Dolakha, Nepal including at Charikot Primary Health Centre and/or in the community surrounding Charikot Primary Health Centre.

### **Risks and Benefits of the Study**

You may not directly benefit from taking part in this study. You may not directly benefit from taking part in this study. However, we hope the results of the study will inform improvements to how CHWs deliver care for patients with depression in Dolakha and throughout Nepal, and thus improve patient care. We also hope the results of the study will inform improvements to how CHWs deliver care for patients with depression in Dolakha and throughout Nepal.

We will be developing a new mHealth application called COMMIT that will instruct CHWs with prompts to improve care for depression patients and will audio record consented interactions with you and the CHW. The biggest risk for participation includes breach of privacy and disclosure of any personal information. This risk is mitigated in part by the application being layered onto an existing tool used by CHWs to

deliver care at the study site – CommCare. Developers and research staff members will ensure data quality assurance, privacy, and security standards are maintained at the highest levels.

### **How will my information be used?**

Researchers will use your information to conduct this study. Once the study is done using your information, we may share them with other researchers so they can use them for other studies in the future. We will not share your name or any other personal information that would let the researchers know who you are. We will not ask you for additional permission to share this de-identified information.

### **Other Information**

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential. When we share information from this study, it will not be connected with your name or family. Authorized representatives from the following organizations may review your research data for the purpose of monitoring or managing the conduct of this study:

- Representatives of the National Institutes of Health
- Representatives of the University of California

We may also wish to publish quotes arising from your focus group discussions and/or interview. These quotes will not contain any identifiable information about you or your family (including: name, age, sex, caste/ethnicity, subject/medical record identifiers, contact information, geographical address, and detailed information about your medical history). We may wish to use these quotes in one or more of the following publications:

- Journal article; open-access publication shared with research community
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Your decision to participate in this study and your responses during focus group discussions/interviews will not affect your care at (Charikot Primary Health Centre/CHWs in your community/Nyaya Health Nepal) now or in the future. If you decide to participate in the study, you can change your mind and withdraw your consent at any time during or after any of the procedures.

A description of this clinical trial will be available on <http://www.ClinicalTrials.gov>, as required by U.S. Law. This Web site will not include information that can identify you. At most, the Web site will include a summary of the results. You can search this Web site at any time.

This research has been approved by the following bodies: the Nepal Health Research Council and the University of California, San Francisco IRB. If you have any questions, please ask us. If you have any additional questions later, contact the Director of Implementation Research, Nyaya Health Nepal at 9851031363 or inform your CHW, who will be happy to answer them.

You are making a decision whether or not to participate. Your verbal confirmation indicates that you have decided to participate, having been read and explained the information provided above.

**[Please ask for participant to explain the study, procedures, risks/benefits to confirm their understanding. Encourage questions and provide any additional explanations.]**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Verbal Consent (circle one):**                      YES                      NO

**[Indicate in CommCare [form field X/Y] their consent to participate in research study.]**

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- Formative research/prototype development of application: you will be invited to participate in an iterative design process to make the application. Your involvement will include participating in workshops where your feedback, through structured questions and unstructured discussions, will help create the application.
- Focus group discussion: you may be invited to attend a focus group discussion with other CHWs during the prototyping phase (1-2 times), acceptability testing phase (2 times), and feasibility testing phase (2 times). We will attempt to combine the acceptability and feasibility discussions. Each discussion will take ~30-60 minutes. Your answers will be recorded and the interviewer(s) will take field notes.

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Verbal Consent (circle one):**

**YES**

**NO**

**[If YES -> Proceed for inclusion in Focus Group Discussion/Key-Informant Interview.**

**If NO -> Remove from Focus Group Discussion/Key-Informant Interview participant list.]**

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**Verbal Consent (circle one):**

**YES**

**NO**

**[If YES -> Proceed for inclusion in Key-Informant Interview.  
If NO -> Remove from Key-Informant Interview participant list.]**