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The Ohio State University Consent to Participate in Research

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- **This is a consent form for research participation.** It contains important information about this study and what to expect if you decide to participate. Please consider the information carefully. Feel free to discuss the study with your friends and family and to ask questions before making your decision whether or not to participate.
- **Your participation is voluntary.** You may refuse to participate in this study. If you decide to take part in the study, you may leave the study at any time. No matter what decision you make, there will be no penalty to you and you will not lose any of your usual benefits. Your decision will not affect your future relationship with The Ohio State University. If you are a student or employee at Ohio State, your decision will not affect your grades or employment status.
- **You may or may not benefit as a result of participating in this study.** Also, as explained below, your participation may result in unintended or harmful effects for you that may be minor or may be serious depending on the nature of the research.
- **You will be provided with any new information that develops during the study that may affect your decision whether or not to continue to participate.** If you decide to participate, you will be asked to sign this form and will receive a copy of the form. You are being asked to consider participating in this study for the reasons explained below.

Key Information About This Study

The following is a short summary to help you decide whether or not to be a part of this study. More detailed information is listed later in this form.

You are being asked to participate in this research study to learn more about how vaping behaviors can affect lung function, symptoms during exercise and activity levels in e-cigarette users with and without obesity. If you choose to participate, you would attend **five** study visits at OSU (three in the beginning of the study and two after one year). Each visit of testing can last 1.5-4 hours. During **the first visit**, you will 1) fill several surveys about your vaping and physical activity habits, surveys about quality of life and personal information and background, 2) provide a urine sample, 3) perform forceful breathing tests to measure your lung function, and 4) exercise on stationary bike. **On the second visit**, you will perform a 30-minute vaping session using your own e-cigarette device where we will measure how you

34 vape using a specific device called puff-topography. After your second visit, **you will be**
35 **provided with an e-cig device and one pod pre-filled with e-liquid for practicing it at**
36 **home before you are coming for a third visit.** You will practice for about 20 puffs per day
37 with this device until you feel comfortable using the device. **On the third visit**, you will
38 perform a 30-minute vaping session using the device that we provided to you. Breathing tests
39 will be done before and after your vaping sessions. The **fourth and fifth visits will be**
40 **identical to the first and second visits** and they will be completed 1 year later so we can
41 measure how your health has changed after 1 year of either similar use or change in use of e-
42 cigarettes. There is no direct benefit to you by participating; however, you will get a report
43 and explanation of your lung function measurements. The risks of this study include
44 discomfort in answering questions asked of you, risks of nicotine and e-cigarette exposure
45 that are not fully known at this time, risks of breathing tests such as shortness of breath or
46 dizziness, and risks of exercising such as sore muscles or changes in blood pressure or heart
47 beat. More information about these risks can be found below. We will reach out to you every
48 three months between the third and fourth visits with a short survey. It is very important that
49 you complete these survey requests for our study. You will be compensated for your time and
50 effort in this study.

51 **1. Why is this study being done?**

52 You are being asked to participate in this research study to learn more about how vaping
53 behaviors can affect lung function, symptoms during exercise and activity levels in e-
54 cigarette users with and without obesity.

55 **2. How many people will take part in this study?**

56 We expect that 42 people will complete all study visits.

57 **3. What will happen if I take part in this study?**

58 There are 5 study visits. The first two and last two visits are similar and will be separated
59 by 1 year. The third visit will only be completed once. At each visit, you will complete
60 some surveys and physical measures such as weight. At each visit, we will collect urine.
61 If you are female, we will perform a pregnancy test to ensure you are not pregnant at the
62 beginning of each visit.

63 **Pre-visit instructions:** You will be required to:

- 64 1. not exercise for 24 hours before study visits
- 65 2. not to have any caffeine (soda pop, coffee, tea) for 6 hours before each visit
- 66 3. not eat a heavy meal or drink anything (except for water) for 2 hours before
67 study visits (snacks/light meals are ok)
- 68 4. be nicotine-free (abstinent from vaping) at least 12 hours before each study visit
- 69 5. be smoke-free (abstinent from smoking tobacco or any other products) for at
70 least 48 hours before each study visit
- 71 6. For Visits 1 and 4, be dressed in exercise clothing and shoes

72 If you cannot or did not follow these instructions before any particular visit, please let us
73 know and we will reschedule for another day! It is really important for research studies
74 that all participants are tested under the same conditions, otherwise our results will not be
75 valid. We check whether you have vaped or smoked using a monitor that you breathe
76 into- if the level that it shows is high, you will not be able to participate in this study.

77 The following provides a summary of what will take place at each visit.

78 **Visits 1 and 4 (3 to 4 hours each):** On the first and fourth visits, you will do the
79 following:

- 80 • Blow out into a device to check for levels of carbon monoxide in your breath to
81 confirm abstinence from vaping and smoking
- 82 • Height, weight, and circumference measurements.
- 83 • Provide a urine sample
- 84 • Fill out surveys including medical history and tobacco use among others.
- 85 • Breathing tests: are also called a lung function tests and they consists of breathing
86 hard into a machine several times. You will wear a nose clip during these tests.
87 Each test takes a few minutes to complete and
88 you will do each test a few times. We will
89 explain each test before you do it and coach you
90 during the test. You will be sitting in a body box
91 which is a cylindrical chamber with a sliding
92 door (see picture on the right). The tests will
93 measure how big your lung are, how fast you can
94 push air out of your lungs, and how easily
95 oxygen can go from your lungs into your blood
96 stream.



- 97 • Exercise test. The exercise test will be
98 completed on a stationary bike (see picture
99 on the right). You will be wearing a mask
100 or a mouthpiece and nose clip so we can
101 measure your breathing while you
102 exercise. There will be a sticker on your
103 forehead to measure your heart rate and
104 oxygen levels. The exercise will last
105 approximately 14-16 min. There are some
106 breathing measurements that you will do
107 during exercise such as taking a big breath
108 in when we ask you to. We will check how
109 difficult the exercise is for you and if you
110 have any difficulty breathing. We will



111 repeat some breathing measurements after you finish exercise for 15-20 min. We
112 will also ask you to fill our surveys about how your breathing felt during the
113 exercise test.

114 **Visits 2, 3, and 5 (1.5 to 2 hours each):** You will blow into a device to measure how
115 much carbon monoxide is in your breath to confirm abstinence from vaping and
116 smoking, provide a urine sample, have your weight measured, and fill out surveys. In the
117 second and fourth study visits, you will use your own e-cig and complete a vaping
118 session in a specific room in our lab. Each vaping session will include a standardized, 5-
119 minute, 10-puff vaping bout (30 seconds between each puff) followed by 30 minutes of
120 ad libitum (as desired) vaping. During the vaping sessions, measures of vaping behavior
121 (topography) will be assessed. You will not be allowed to eat or drink (other than water)
122 during the vaping sessions. Before and after each vaping session you will do breathing
123 tests and fill out a survey that assesses e-cigarette cravings. After visit 2, you will take
124 home a study e-cig device and 1 pod with pre-filled tobacco flavored e-liquid to practice
125 (20 puffs per day with the study device and until you feel comfortable using the device)
126 using the device before visit 3. On the third visit, you will use the study e-cig and
127 complete a vaping session similar to the one on the second visit. The fifth visit will
128 happen after 1 year has passed and will include a vaping session that is done with your
129 own e-cigarette device. You will complete one new breathing test during the fifth visit
130 before and after the vaping session. This test is called “impulse oscillometry”. It involves
131 breathing through a mouthpiece for 30-40 seconds with your hands on
132 your cheeks while we measure airway resistance in your small and
133 large airways. There will be a tapping sound during the test which are
134 just sound waves created by the device that allow us to get the
135 measurements we need (see picture on the right). The 5th study visit
136 will not be completed if you have quit vaping over 1 year.



137 **4. How long will I be in the study?**

138 You will be in this study for 1 year as we complete all five study visits on separate days.
139 There will be 3 study days at the beginning and 2 study days after 1 year has passed.
140 Depending on how your visits are scheduled, your ability to remain abstinent prior to
141 each visit, and any technical problems we may need to repeat visits. Your total duration
142 of participation will be 13 – 15 months.

143 Over this period, there will be 5 visits- the first and fourth visits will last 3 – 4 h and the
144 second, third and fifth visits will last 1.5 – 2h, for a total of up to 14 hours.

145 There may be anticipated circumstances under which your participation may be
146 terminated by the investigator without regard to your consent. Examples of when this
147 may happen are, if you are not following the study requirements, become pregnant during
148 the study, or for any other reason we feel your participation is not in your best interest or
149 the study’s best interest.

150 You can stop participating in this study at any time. However, if you decide to stop
151 participating in the study, we encourage you to talk to the researcher first.

152 **5. Can I stop being in the study?**

153 You may leave the study at any time. If you decide to stop participating in the study,
154 there will be no penalty to you, and you will not lose any benefits to which you are
155 otherwise entitled. Your decision will not affect your future relationship with The Ohio
156 State University.

157 **6. What risks, side effects or discomforts can I expect from being in the study?**

158 *Survey Risks*

159 Some people feel uncomfortable answering questions about smoking or their health. You
160 may choose to take a break from answering the surveys or choose to withdraw from the
161 study if you wish to not complete the surveys.

162 *Reproductive Risks for Women*

163 If you are a female, you must not be and should not become pregnant nor breastfeed an
164 infant while on this study. Using cigarettes or e-cigarettes while pregnant or breastfeeding
165 may involve risks to an embryo, fetus or infant, including birth defects which are currently
166 unforeseeable. In order to reduce your risk of pregnancy, you or your partner should use
167 one or more acceptable methods of birth control regularly and consistently while you are
168 on this study.

169 If you become pregnant or suspect that you are pregnant during this study, you should
170 immediately inform the study personnel. We will conduct a pregnancy test at each visit to
171 ensure that you are not currently pregnant. The study product may be discontinued until
172 the result of the pregnancy test is known. If pregnancy is confirmed, you may be
173 withdrawn from the study. Payment for all aspects of obstetrical, child, or related care will
174 be your responsibility.

175 *Lung Function Tests and Carbon Monoxide test*

176 The lung function tests are routinely done in hospitals and labs all over the country and
177 are not associated with any serious risks. Sometimes, repetitive efforts of breathing out
178 forcefully within a short time frame may cause dizziness, light-headedness, shortness of
179 breath or coughing. One of the tests where we measure how easily oxygen can go from
180 your lungs into the blood stream includes breathing in a small mixture of gases including
181 carbon monoxide and methane. There is no risk of breathing a small amount of these
182 gases. There is no risk for performing the carbon monoxide test. If the level of carbon
183 monoxide is higher than what we are looking for at the start of any study visit, you could
184 be excluded from the study. There is no risk of performing the impulse oscillometry test.

185 *Exercise tests*

186 There is a slight risk of discomfort similar to those associated with any type of exercise.
187 Examples of these discomforts may include, but not limited to, shortness of breath, leg
188 fatigue and soreness, and discomfort from sitting on a bike seat. These discomforts have
189 been reported in 2-20% of subjects tested. There is a slight risk of abnormal blood
190 pressure, fainting, disorder of heartbeat, and in rare instances, heart attack with exercise.
191 These risks occur in 1 in every 40,000 tests when the exercise is done till maximal effort.
192 However, the level of exercise in this study is not at maximal effort, the risk of any serious
193 problem is much lower. Also, you can always stop cycling if you feel uncomfortable or
194 don't wish to continue.

195 *E-cigarette Devices*

196 All of the products in our study are currently available for purchase in stores; however,
197 there was no FDA evaluation of these devices prior to their being commercially available.
198 **As a result, we do not know the long-term safety, risks, or if these devices contain**
199 **ingredients that are known to be toxic to humans.**

200 *Loss of Confidentiality*

201 Some of study information will be recorded the University approved Research Electronic
202 Data Capture (REDCap) system and other information will be in paper files or recorded
203 on password protected computers. Any information collected will be in a secure databases
204 and locations that are accessible only to authorized study staff.

205 **7. What benefits can I expect from being in the study?**

206 If you agree to take part in this study, there may or may not be direct medical benefit to
207 you. We hope that the information learned from this study will help us to understand how
208 body weight affects people's vaping behaviors and health.

209 **8. What other choices do I have if I do not take part in the study?**

210 You may choose not to participate without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are
211 otherwise entitled.

212 **9. Will my study-related information be kept confidential?**

213 Efforts will be made to keep your study-related information confidential. However, there
214 may be circumstances where this information must be released. For example, personal
215 information regarding your participation in this study may be disclosed if required by state
216 law.

217 Also, your records may be reviewed by the following groups (as applicable to the
218 research):

- 219 • Office for Human Research Protections or other federal, state, or international
220 regulatory agencies;
- 221 • U.S. Food and Drug Administration;
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- 223 • The Ohio State University Institutional Review Board or Office of Responsible
224 Research Practices;
225 • Authorized Ohio State University staff not involved in the study may be aware that
226 you are participating in a research study and have access to your information;
227 • Your insurance company (if charges are billed to insurance).
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229 If this study is related to your medical care, your study-related information may be placed
230 in your permanent hospital, clinic, or physician's office records. Authorized Ohio State
231 University staff not involved in the study may be aware that you are participating in a
232 research study and have access to your information.
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234 If we find information that significantly impacts your health, we **will** share it with you.
235 The types of research results that will be shared include the lung function test results and
236 the exercise test results. These will be shared as paper copies or secure attachments in an
237 email. You will be notified either in person or over the phone about any results that
238 significantly impact your health.

239 The NIH has issued a Certificate of Confidentiality for this study. This Certificate
240 provides extra protection for you and your study information, documents, or samples
241 (urine). The Certificates are issued so that we cannot be required to disclose any
242 identifiable, sensitive information collected about you as a part of this study in a lawsuit
243 or legal proceeding. We are also prevented from releasing your study information without
244 your consent. This is a layer of protection over and above the already existing protections
245 in place for you and your information, documents, or samples. However, these protections
246 do not apply in some situations. For example, we may have to release your information if
247 a law requires us to do so, the Agency that is funding this study requests the information,
248 or if the FDA tells us to release this information. We may also use your information to
249 conduct other scientific research as allowed by federal regulations.

250 **10. Will my de-identified information and bio-specimens be used or shared for**
251 **future research?**
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253 Yes, it/they may be used or shared with other researchers without your additional
254 informed consent.
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256 **11. What are the costs of taking part in this study?**

257 Although there is no cost for participating in this study, there are costs such as
258 transportation and potential loss of income that you may incur if you choose to participate.
259 Parking is free at our location.

260 **12. Will I be paid for taking part in this study?**

261 By law, payments to participants are considered taxable income.

262 You will receive the following compensation for your time:

263 • Visits 1 and 4: **\$75** each visit

264 ○ Pro-rated as noted: \$10 for consent and carbon monoxide test/ height and
265 weight measures, \$10 for completing all surveys, \$25 for completing lung
266 function test, and \$30 for completing exercise test.

267 ○ **If all the surveys are not completed on Visits 1 and 4, then compensation
268 on visit 1 and 4 will be reduced by \$10 and \$10 will be added to the visits
269 when you complete all surveys.**

270 • Visits 2, 3, and 5: **\$50** each visit

271 ○ Pro-rated as noted: \$10 for the lung function tests and surveys, \$30 for the
272 vaping session, and \$10 for the lung function tests and surveys done after
273 the vaping session.

274 ○ If you have quit vaping during the 1-year study gap, we will not conduct
275 the 5th study visit for your health and safety.

276 The maximum amount you can potentially earn by end of study if you follow study
277 instructions is $\$75 + \$50 + \$50 + \$75 + \$50 = \300 .

278 Payments will be made using the Greenphire ClinCard, which is like a debit card, to
279 increase accountability and facilitate ease of payment. You will receive your debit card at
280 the end of the first visit. You will receive a handout that explains how to use this card.
281 This card will be reloaded at the end of each subsequent visit. It is important that you do
282 not lose this card because we cannot replace funds that are lost.

283 **13. What happens if I am injured because I took part in this study?**

284 If you suffer an injury from participating in this study, you should notify the researcher or
285 study doctor immediately, who will determine if you should obtain medical treatment at
286 The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

287 The cost for this treatment will be billed to you or your medical or hospital insurance. The
288 Ohio State University has no funds set aside for the payment of health care expenses for
289 this study.

290 **14. What are my rights if I take part in this study?**

291 If you choose to participate in the study, you may discontinue participation at any time
292 without penalty or loss of benefits. By signing this form, you do not give up any personal
293 legal rights you may have as a participant in this study.
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295 You will be provided with any new information that develops during the course of the
296 research that may affect your decision whether or not to continue participation in the
297 study.
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299 You may refuse to participate in this study without penalty or loss of benefits to which
300 you are otherwise entitled.
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302 An Institutional Review Board responsible for human subjects research at The Ohio State
303 University reviewed this research project and found it to be acceptable, according to
304 applicable state and federal regulations and University policies designed to protect the
305 rights and welfare of research participants.

306 **15. Who can answer my questions about the study?**

307 For questions, concerns, or complaints about the study you may contact Dr. Bhammar at
308 614-366-9467 or Dharini.bhammar@osumc.edu.

309 For questions about your rights as a participant in this study or to discuss other study-
310 related concerns or complaints with someone who is not part of the research team, you
311 may contact the Office of Responsible Research Practices at 1-800-678-6251.

312 If you are injured as a result of participating in this study or for questions about a study-
313 related injury, you may contact Dr. Bhammar at 614-366-9467 or
314 Dharini.bhammar@osumc.edu.

315 **Signing the consent form**

316 I have read (or someone has read to me) this form and I am aware that I am being asked to
317 participate in a research study. I have had the opportunity to ask questions and have had them
318 answered to my satisfaction. I voluntarily agree to participate in this study.

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320 I am not giving up any legal rights by signing this form. I will be given a copy of this form.
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_____	_____
Printed name of participant	Signature of participant
	_____ AM/PM
	Date and time
_____	_____
Printed name of person authorized to consent for participant (when applicable)	Signature of person authorized to consent for participant (when applicable)
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	Date and time
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Relationship to the participant	Date and time

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Investigator/Research Staff

I have explained the research to the participant or his/her representative before requesting the
signature(s) above. There are no blanks in this document. A copy of this form has been given
to the participant or his/her representative.

_____	_____
Printed name of person obtaining consent	Signature of person obtaining consent
	_____ AM/PM
	Date and time

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Witness(es) - *May be left blank if not required by the IRB*

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Printed name of witness	Signature of witness
	_____ AM/PM
	Date and time
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Printed name of witness	Signature of witness
	_____ AM/PM
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