

# **INFORMED CONSENT FORM COVER PAGE**

## **STUDY TITLE:**

The Sleep and Teamwork in EMS Study  
(SaFTiE)

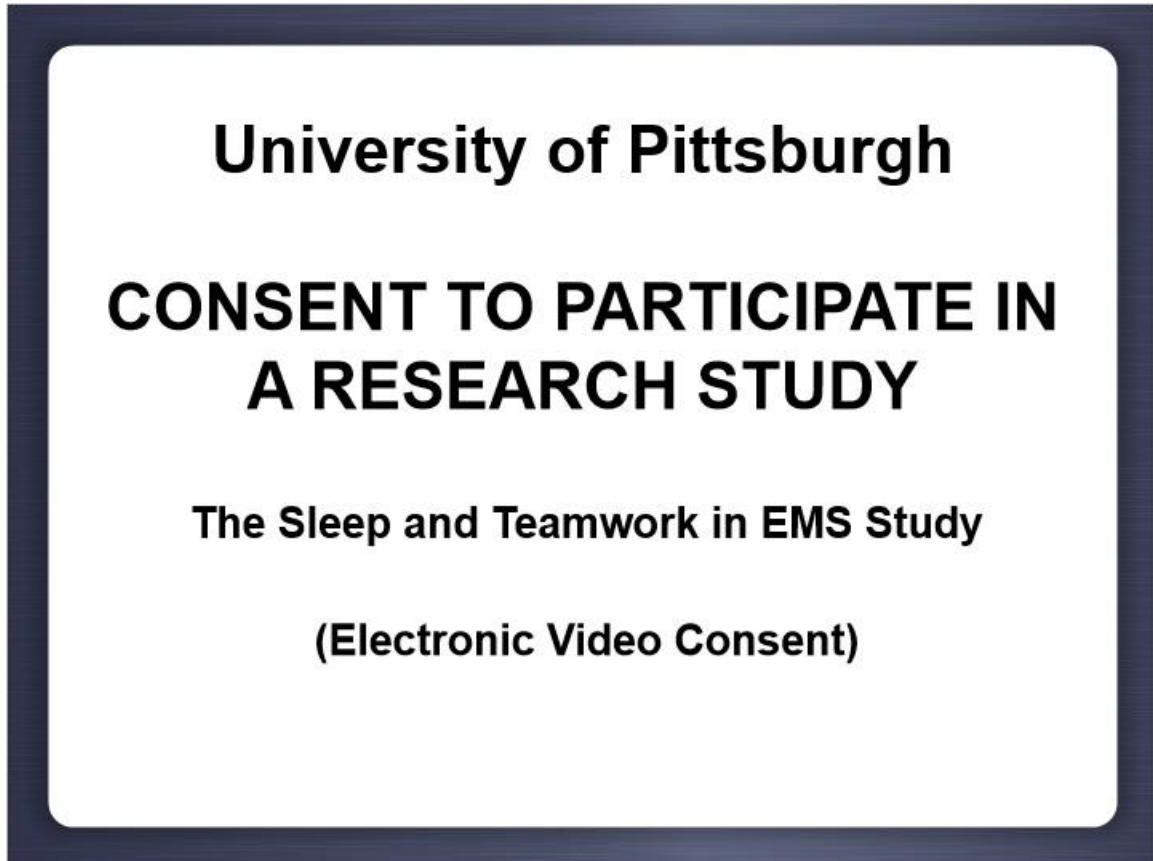
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***1.1 University of Pittsburgh***



**Notes:**

Welcome to the video based consent for the Sleep and Teamwork in EMS Study led by Drs. Patterson and Guyette of the University of Pittsburgh Department of Emergency Medicine.

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In order to participate you **MUST** meet the criteria below:

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2. Working & residing in the United States
3. Licensed or certified EMS clinician
4. Working a minimum of one shift per week
5. When working, most of work involves direct patient care
6. Have a cellular, mobile, or smartphone that can send and receive text messages **AND** operate a mobile app that can be downloaded from the Apple store or Google Play
7. Willing to periodically answer online surveys, and to send and receive text messages

**Do you meet this criteria?**

YES ☒

NO ☐

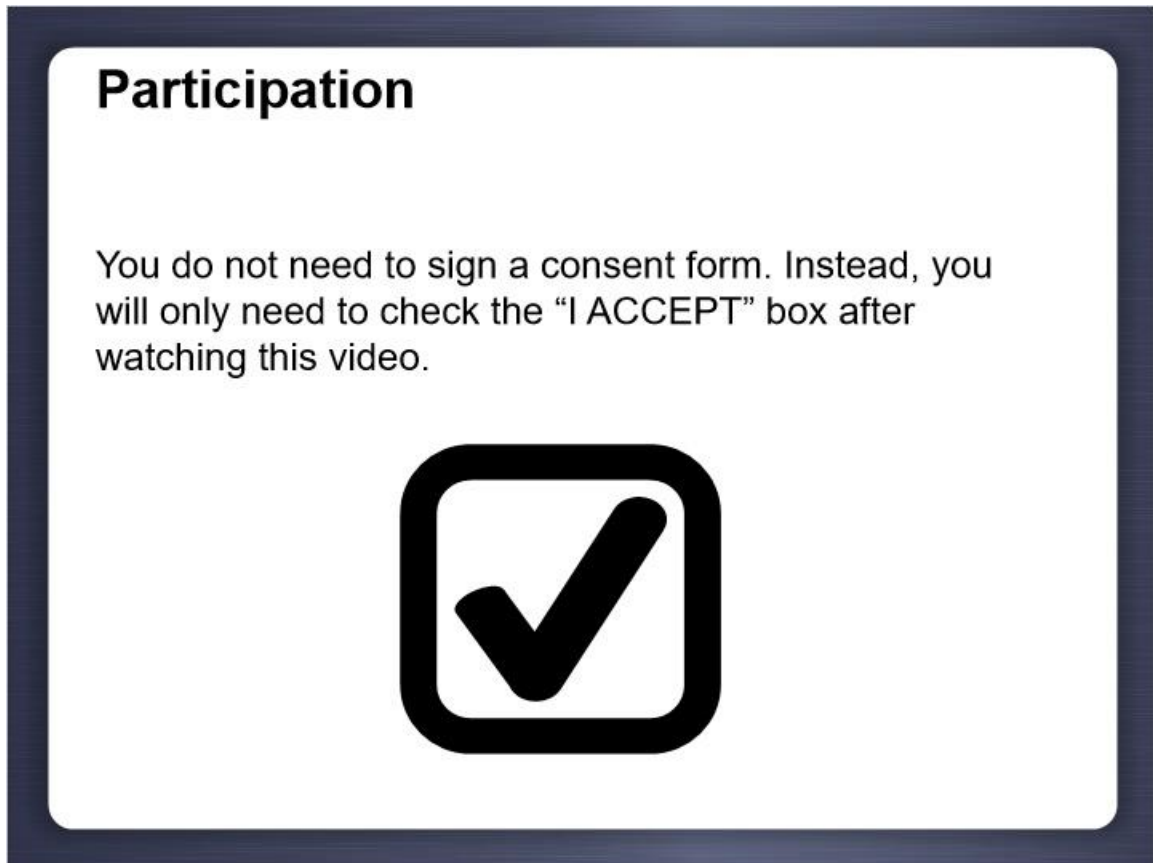
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You do not need to sign a consent form. Instead, you will only need to check the "I ACCEPT" box after watching this video.

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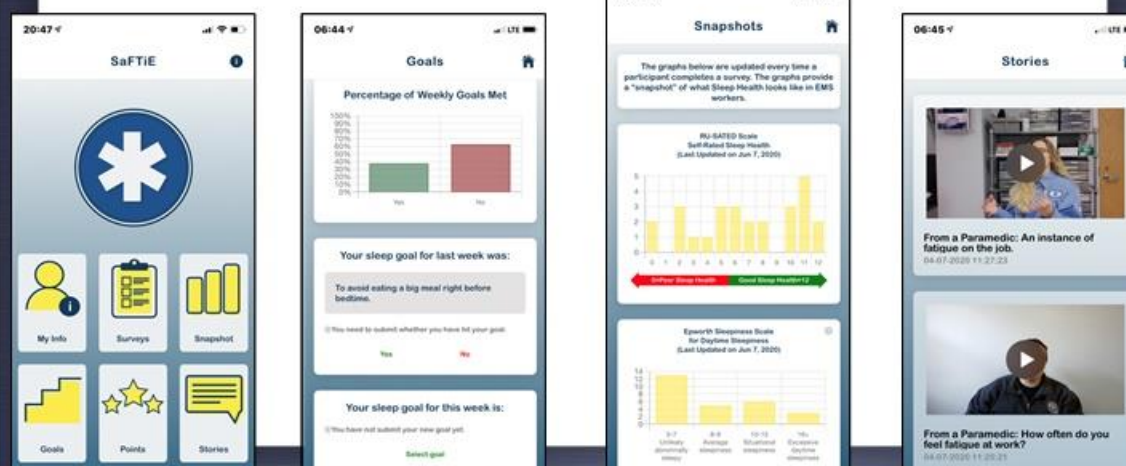
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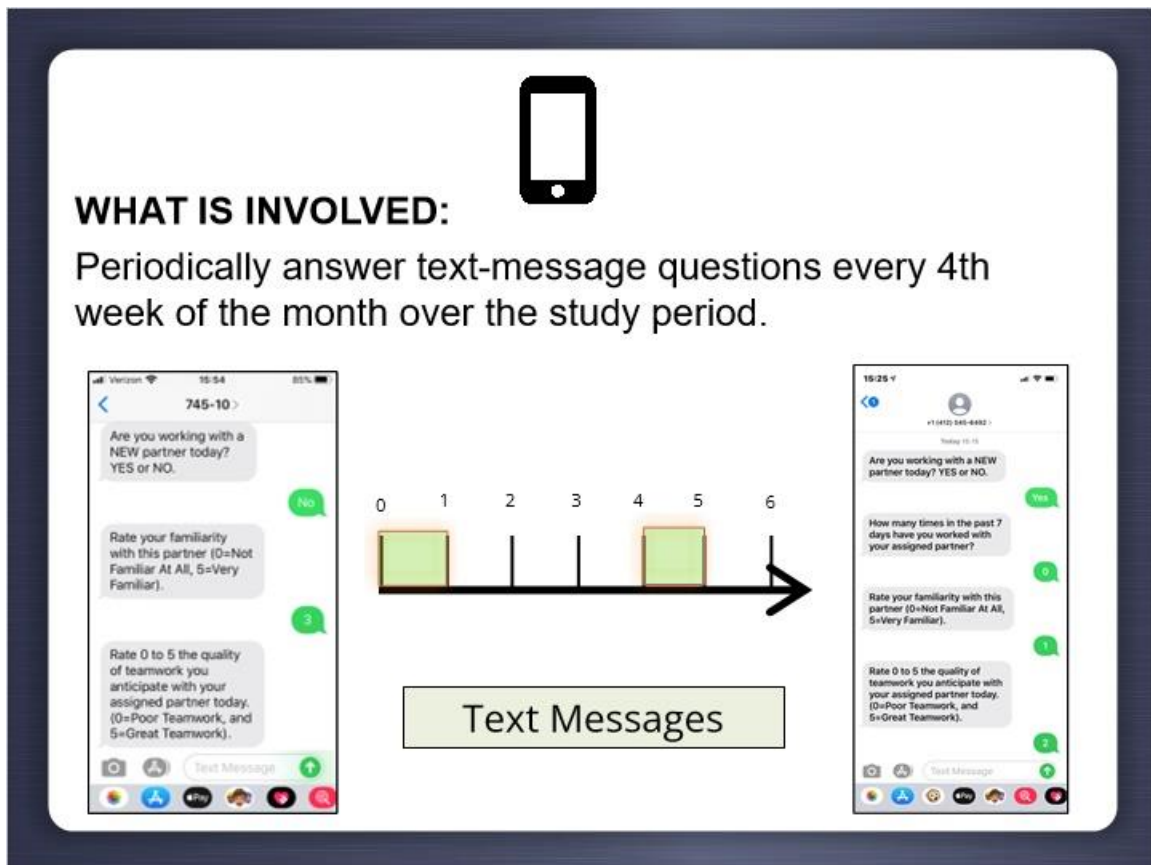
The image displays four screenshots of the SaFTiE mobile app interface. The first screenshot shows the home screen with a large blue Star of Life icon and a grid of six buttons: 'My Info', 'Surveys', 'Snapshot', 'Goals', 'Points', and 'Stories'. The second screenshot shows the 'Goals' screen, which includes a bar chart titled 'Percentage of Weekly Goals Met' with 'Yes' and 'No' categories, and two sections for setting sleep goals for the last and current weeks. The third screenshot shows the 'Snapshots' screen, featuring two bar charts: 'RQ-SATED Scale Self-Rated Sleep Health' and 'Epworth Sleepiness Scale for Daytime Sleepiness'. The fourth screenshot shows the 'Stories' screen, which displays two video thumbnails with titles related to paramedic fatigue.

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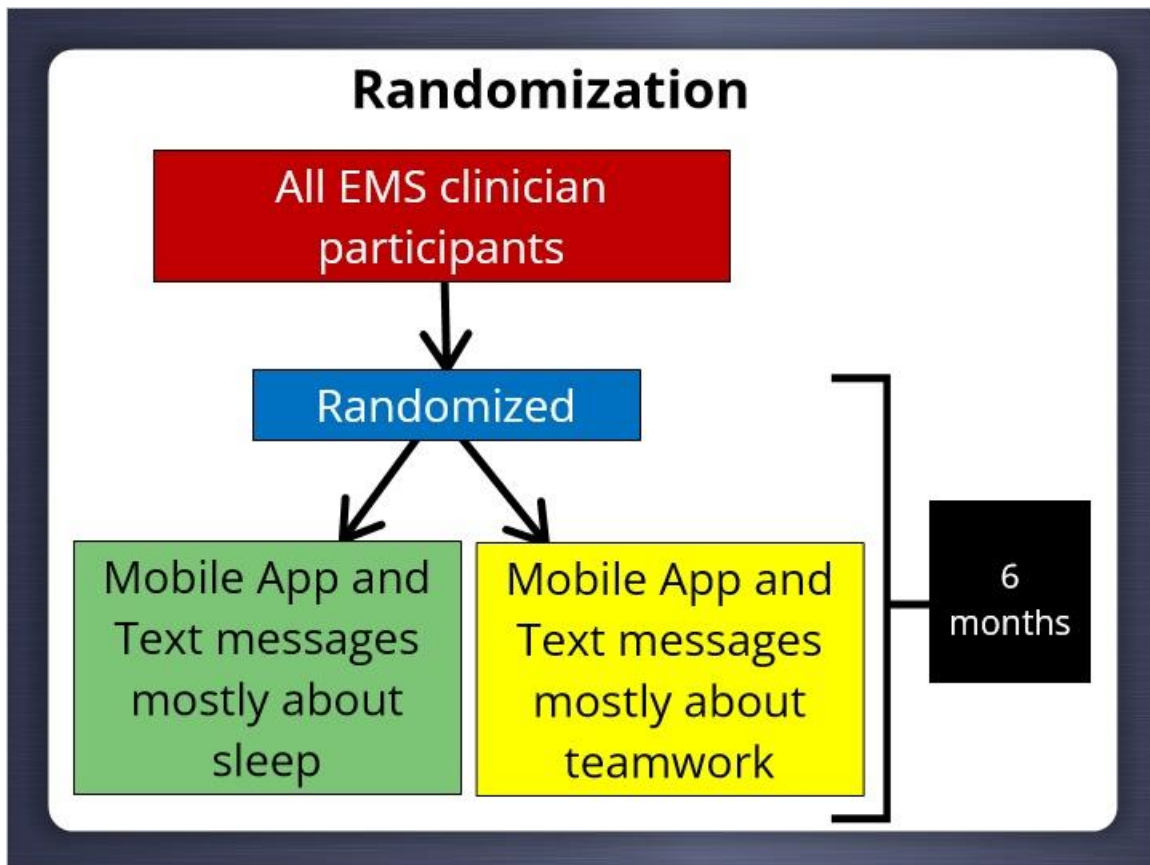
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Periodically answer text-message questions every 4th week of the month over the study period.



## 1.8 Randomization



### Notes:

The content of the text messages will vary somewhat between individuals who have chosen to enroll in the study. Some will receive text messages that deal mostly with the topic of sleep. Others enrolling in the study will receive messages that deal mostly with the topic of teamwork. Text messages will be sent periodically for a total of 6 months.

### ***1.9 Possible risks, side effects and discomforts***

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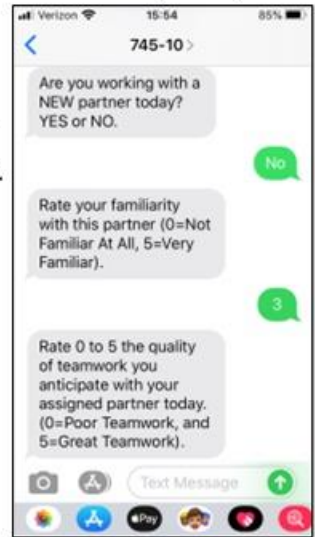
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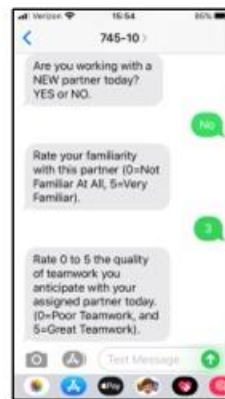
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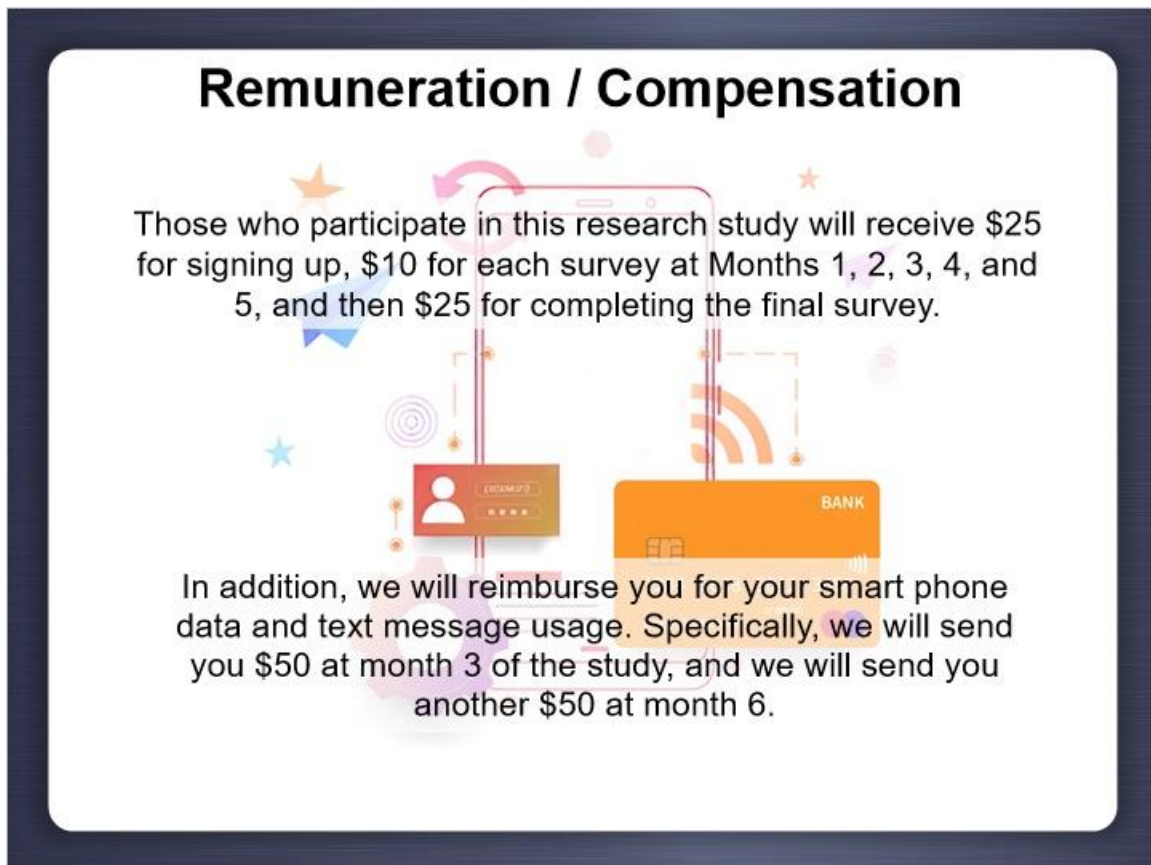
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Those who participate in this research study will receive \$25 for signing up, \$10 for each survey at Months 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and then \$25 for completing the final survey.

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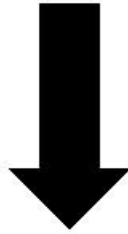


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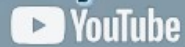


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☐ I have watched the above informed consent video and agree to participate (I ACCEPT).

☐ I DO NOT ACCEPT and do NOT want to participate in this research study.

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