

**Community-based, client-centered prevention homes to address the rural opioid epidemic**

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**Informed Consent Documents**

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## **Subject CONSENT to Participate in Research and AUTHORIZATION to Use and/or Disclose Identifiable Health Information for Research**

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**INVITATION**

You are invited to participate in this research study to identify health problems that can result from injecting opioid drugs such as heroin, methamphetamine, oxycodone, and other prescription pain killers. You are invited to take part because you have injected drugs in the past, and live in a rural area of Wisconsin. Approximately 540 individuals will take part in this study. If you decide to take part, your participation would last between 60 and 90 minutes during today's visit and will require two additional visits at 3 and 6 months for data collection. You might also be asked to return to this Vivent Health office one or more times in the future to get test results.

Your participation in this research study is voluntary. If you decide not to participate, the health care provided to you by UW Health, or the services you receive from Vivent Health will not be affected in any way.

**A. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY?**

The purpose of this research is to collect information from people who inject drugs in order to know how easy or hard it is for people to access certain health services that are useful for preventing infectious diseases, opioid overdose and other health problems.

**B. WHAT WILL MY PARTICIPATION INVOLVE?**

If you decide to participate in this research you will take part in a multi-session intervention for clients for the purposes reducing risky behaviors associated with HIV, hepatitis C, and overdoses. We will collect information from you about your medical history, your drug use, and other past behaviors that could indicate you are at risk for



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**We will collect the following information from you for this research study:**  
Age, ZIP code, county of residence, ethnicity, education, marital status, alcohol and drug use, prior HIV and Hepatitis C test results, types of health care you have received, how you are feeling, mental health, coping techniques, and other related items. In addition,



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the Wisconsin Department of Health Services requires that Vivent Health collect additional information from people when they get tested for HIV, hepatitis C or syphilis. This information includes your full name, date of birth, address, and whether you have engaged in certain types of drug use and sexual behaviors.

We will also link your information to databases like the Wisconsin Immunization Registry and Medicaid to understand how health services are utilized among people who inject drugs. If you agree to be in the study, we will ask for your permission to use this information for research purposes as well.

**Incarceration.** If you become incarcerated during the time you are participating in the study, we will not conduct any of the research activities while you are in jail or prison. You can resume participation in the research after you are no longer incarcerated by contacting the staff at Vivent Health or a study coordinator.

## **C. ARE THERE ANY BENEFITS TO ME?**

Your participation may benefit other people in the future by helping us learn how to make prevention services more available to people who inject drugs.

## **D. WILL I BE PAID FOR MY PARTICIPATION?**

You will be paid \$20 for completing the survey and blood tests today, plus an additional \$20 at 3 and 6 months. If you are asked to return to the office on a different date to collect blood for confirmatory testing, then you will be paid \$10 for your time.

## **E. ARE THERE ANY COSTS?**

There are no costs to you to join this study.

## **F. ARE THERE ANY RISKS TO ME?**

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someone in custody is made by county social services.

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### **G. HOW WILL MY PRIVACY BE PROTECTED AND WHO WILL USE MY HEALTH INFORMATION?**

To protect your privacy, the research team will collect and maintain all of your Private Health Information on a secure, encrypted database. No one will know you are in the study except for you and the research team.

The personal health information you give us, including details about your drug use, will be stored in a separate place from any information that directly identifies you like your name, birth date and phone number. When the research team is examining the data, they will see a code number only, so that your responses to the survey cannot be directly linked to you.

If you test positive for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) hepatitis C, hepatitis B or syphilis the Wisconsin health department will be informed of the results. The health department may contact you with resources for counseling and medical care, if you need them and want them. You may be asked about sex and/or needle-sharing partners. These are all common practices of the health department and apply to all individuals who test positive for HIV and viral hepatitis.

**Certificate of Confidentiality.** To help us further protect your privacy, a Certificate of Confidentiality has been obtained from the National Institutes of Health. With this Certificate, the researchers cannot be forced to disclose information that may identify you, even by a court subpoena, in any federal, state, or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other proceedings.

The researchers will use the certificate to resist any demands for information that would identify you, except as explained below. The Certificate cannot be used to resist a demand for information from personnel of the United States Government that is used for auditing or evaluation of federally funded projects or for information that must be disclosed in order to meet the requirements of the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA). You should understand that a Certificate of Confidentiality does not prevent you or a member of your family from voluntarily releasing information about yourself or your involvement in this research. If an insurer, employer, or other person obtains your written consent to receive research information, then the researchers may not use the Certificate to withhold that information.



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There are some situations when we WILL NOT keep information confidential. WE WILL report information about you to the appropriate authorities in the following circumstances:

- **If you tell us that you are planning to harm yourself or another person**
- **If you tell us something that causes us to believe that a child or vulnerable adult is being abused**

**Others at UW-Madison and its affiliates who may need to use your health information in the course of this research:**

- UW-Madison regulatory and research oversight boards and offices

**Others outside of UW-Madison and its affiliates who may receive your health information in the course of this research.** This research is being done as part of a collaboration with researchers in other areas of the country, and therefore some information about you may be shared with researchers at other institutions. Because the study is federally funded, federal agencies can inspect our study records.

- National Institutes of Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Researchers at other institutions who are collaborating with the UW-Madison research team

People outside the UW-Madison and its affiliates who receive your health information may not be covered by privacy laws and may be able to share your health information with others without your permission. When we share information from research studies with others outside the UW-Madison and its affiliates; it is not shared in a way that can directly identify an individual, but may include your Zip code.

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

## **H. IS MY PERMISSION VOLUNTARY AND MAY I CHANGE MY MIND?**

Your permission is voluntary. You do not have to sign this form and you may refuse to do so. If you refuse to sign this form, however, you cannot take part in this research study.

You may completely remove yourself from the study at any time. You also may choose to stop taking part or skip any questions that you do not feel comfortable answering. You will be told of any new and significant findings which may affect your willingness to continue.



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**If you decide not to participate in this study or if you stop while the study is underway, the health care you receive from UW Health and their affiliates will not be affected in any way.**

## **ARE THERE ANY ALTERNATIVES?**

You do not have to participate in this study to receive testing for HIV, HCV, or syphilis. The study researchers can discuss your alternatives with you.

## **I. HOW LONG WILL MY PERMISSION TO USE MY HEALTH INFORMATION LAST?**

By signing this form you are giving permission for your health information to be used by and shared with the individuals, companies, or institutions described in this form. There is no end date for its use for this research study unless you write to the person listed below that you want to stop sharing your health information. You may stop sharing your health information at any time by writing to:

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Which of the following statements about this research study are TRUE?

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- B. If I choose to participate, the research team will keep all the information that I share confidential, EXCEPT if I tell them I am planning to harm myself or someone else, or that a child or elderly person is being abused.
- C. The research team includes researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Tulane University, Massachusetts General Hospital, and University of Washington.
- D. People can participate in the study if they live in a rural area and injected drugs in the past month.
- E. The study involves a commitment of 6 months that will include 3 research assessments.
- F. I can get tested for HIV and Hepatitis C at Vivent Health even if I don't participate in this study.
- G. All of the above are true
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I do NOT wish to be contacted in the future by members of the research team about participating in future research studies.

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**Prevention Navigation.** Based on our study design you will participate in an intervention geared towards increasing knowledge of people who inject drugs on navigating prevention and treatment services for HIV, hepatitis C, and drug overdose. You will receive these services immediately upon enrollment to the study by scheduling an intake appointment with our prevention navigator in about a week.

Prevention navigation's primary goal is to reduce HIV, hepatitis C, and overdose while addressing other issues you may face. The program offers four one-on-one sessions. The first session will focus on a risk assessment and working with you to develop a risk reduction plan. In the subsequent sessions, we will gather information on your life needs (e.g. housing, employment, substance use, etc). Our staff will work with you to prioritize these needs and develop a plan that will help you reduce risky behaviors. We will reassess needs and goals, update your risk reduction plan, and provide facilitated referrals. You will not be charged for these services, and you may terminate services at any time, in person, or by writing.

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