

APPENDIX F

Informed Consent

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On behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), ORC Macro is conducting focus groups to help them understand how to design an effective public health approach in communicating to the general public about health issues that relate to sexually transmitted diseases.

We are asking you to take part in a talk about these health issues. The focus group will take no more than an hour and a half of your time. If you agree to participate in the group, here are things you should know:

- ◆ Your part in this group is totally voluntary. You may choose to leave the group at any time for any reason.
- ◆ You can choose not to answer any question at any time.
- ◆ You will not be asked any questions about your own health status or personal health issues.
- ◆ Your name and answers to these questions will be kept confidential.
- ◆ The meeting will be audio taped and video taped.
- ◆ Project staff from both ORC Macro and CDC will watch the discussion.
- ◆ Your input in this focus group poses few, if any risks to you.
- ◆ You will be asked about ways to get information about sexually transmitted diseases.
- ◆ The benefit of this group to you is that your involvement will help CDC build better programs and messages about sexually transmitted diseases.
- ◆ You will be given \$75.00 for your time.

Contact information: If you have questions about the research, please contact Judy Berkowitz, ORC Macro at 404-321-3211.

Your signature below shows that you understand the above and agree to participate in this focus group discussion.

Please print your name _____

Please sign your name _____

Witness Signature _____

Date _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION