

Affiliate Rhode Island Hospital
 Newport The Miriam Hospital
 Bradley Hospital**Adolescent Assent to Participate in a Research Project**

Committee # _____

Name of Participant _____

Peer Functioning, Suicidality, Transition to Adolescence

We are trying to determine how adolescent relationships with their peers and family may influence their mood and behavior, including self-harm behavior.

You and your parent/guardian will be asked to complete several questionnaires about your family, your mood and experiences with peers. You will also be asked about your physical development, and will complete a measure about your pubertal status.

We will interview you and your parent/guardian at the hospital, or shortly after discharge from the hospital at your home, to ask you some questions about your mood and behavior. Then, we will interview you and your parent/guardian by phone in approximately three months to ask you some questions about your mood and behavior at home and at school and about whether you may feel like harming yourself. This will take one hour. We will repeat this interview with you and your parent/guardian by phone at 6, 12, and 15 months from now. The phone interview will take about one-half hour. We will also try to meet with you and your family at your home to see how things have been going 9 and 18 months from now. This should take about one hour. We will tape record our talks with you at home, and/or phone calls to be sure we have covered all the information correctly.

Lastly, we will also contact your school to ask about your academic achievement (i.e., grades) and behavior. Teachers will be asked to complete several questionnaires about you, and your classmates will be asked to indicate how much they like all of their peers, including you.

There are no risks in taking part in this project, although you may sometimes feel uncomfortable answering some of the questions. You will receive a gift certificate for \$20 at each of the two follow-up sessions at home, and \$10 at each of the 3 follow-up sessions by phone.

The research team may talk about this study with your doctor, but not with anyone else unless your parents, your guardian, and you say it's OK. However, if you report you are

suicidal, want to hurt someone, or have been sexually abused, we will tell your parents and get you help. If you have any complaints or questions about being in the project, you can call Patricia Houser in the office of Lifespan Research Administration at 444-6246.

Your mom, dad, and/or guardian know about this study, and they think it is OK for you to be in this study. If you want to be in this study, you can tell the interviewer and sign your parents' form. If you do not want to be in the study, it is OK to say no. You can stop being in the study any time you want to, and nobody will be upset with you.