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Consent form

In accord with rules about informed consent, this document explains what research we are doing, informs you of your rights, and asks for your voluntary consent to participate. The research is led by Alvin Ung, James Kasinger, Erik Andersson, Mica Paluzzi, Paul Gunn, David Nachmanson of the Computer Science department at Western Washington University.

In this study, we investigate the perceived efficacy of a technology based smoking interventions, to answer the following research question: How effective is a buddy system based smoking cessation application for those trying to quit? By participating in this research, you are helping to identify useful features and key user requirements, which will influence how this technology is developed.

The interview will have three separate sessions. At first, we will ask some questions regarding your current and past smoking habits, and discuss any experience you had if trying to quit. Then we will discuss the role of technology (more specifically smartphone applications) in effective smoking cessation strategies. Finally, we will brainstorm what would be required of a buddy system based smoking cessation application.

The entire interview session will be audio recorded. Also, some field notes might be taken in paper during the interview. There are no risks involved in participating in this research other than those involved in ordinary everyday life. Participation is entirely voluntary and you may skip any questions you do not wish to answer with no negative consequences. You can also stop participating in the research.

The materials from this research may be used for research presentations and poster publications. Your identity, participation, and answers will all be kept confidential by the research team, safeguarding your privacy. In published results, your information will be anonymized or reported only in summary fashion.

If you have any questions regarding the research, please ask. You can also email or call the researchers collect at any time

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A copy of this document will be given to you.

I understand the above and voluntarily agree to participate in this research.

