

The purpose of this form is to document that consent was obtained from a parent or guardian of a minor to participate in a research study.

Title of Research Study: World-wide Collaboration to Empower People with Disabilities to Improve Assistive Interfaces.

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Purpose: The objective of this project is to help people with severe disabilities gain access to a computer and thereby obtain a tool for communication.

If you agree for your child or ward to participate in this research project, the following things will happen:

- We will collect information about natural usage of the Camera Mouse by sending text messages to our computer.
- Your child/ward does not need to perform any explicit experiments or testing procedures for us. The messages will be sent automatically in the background.
- You can select the level of information sent to us, from sending no messages to sending information about mouse pointer movements, clicking events, current Camera Mouse settings, and training data. No images are sent.

Confidentiality: All data obtained in this research project will be considered confidential. It will be used for research purposes only. Access to the digital data will be restricted.

Benefits: Participation in this study introduces your child/ward to a new computer tool for communication and education. Your child/ward will help improve a mouse replacement system used by people worldwide. With your help, our system will become easier to use by people with movement disabilities.

Expected Duration: The data collection will occur as long as you are enrolled in our research study.

Risks: There are no additional risks in participating in the research study beyond normal usage of the Camera Mouse Suite software.

Questions: The researcher has provided information to you about this study and has offered to answer your questions. If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in a research study, contact the Coordinator of the Institutional Review Board, Boston University, at 617-358-6115.

Right to Refuse or Withdraw: The participation of your child/ward in the research study is entirely voluntary. He or she may use the Camera Mouse Suite without participation in the research study. You and your child/ward are free to refuse to take part or withdraw at any time. There is no penalty for withdrawal.