

## INFORMED CONSENT RELEASE

We are 2<sup>nd</sup> Year undergraduates from the Informatics Institute of Technology (IIT), and as a part of compulsory academic accomplishments of the 4th semester, we have embarked on a software development project for predicting Parkinson's disease through speech detection. Therefore, in order to complete our project successfully, we need to collect some important data with your sincere assistance. Your participation in our study is voluntary, so you may choose not to participate if you wish so. However, if this project becomes successful, it would be a great tool to support medication for people suffering from Parkinson's disease in the future.

As the foundation of our project is to analyze speech attributes (pitch, frequency, etc.) in order to predict their association with Parkinson's disease, we need to obtain your voice recording. It will help this application to understand the relationship between speech patterns and Parkinson's disease.

You will be asked to speak several phrases that we have prepared to suit our data requirement, and this would take approximately 20-30 minutes. We assure with great responsibility that your identity and all other information will be kept highly confidential and anonymous. Your name will not appear anywhere in our project. Therefore, we urge you to participate in our research project with sincerity and without any worry.

We have planned to conduct the recordings in the presence of relevant Medical Officials in a dedicated clinical area at the National Hospital, Colombo. If you do not wish to continue, you have total liberty to withdraw at any point during the recording.

**Participant** - "All of my questions and concerns about this study have been addressed. I choose voluntarily to participate in this research project. And, I certify that I am at least 18 years of age."

**In case the participant is unable to sign** – "As \_\_\_\_\_ (relationship to the participant) to the participant, all my concerns and questions for this study have been addressed and the participant is voluntarily agreed to participate in this study. I also certify that the participant is at least 18 years of age."

Name of the Participant: .....

Age: ..... years

Signature of Participant: .....

Date:

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Name of a Team Member: .....

Signature of Team member: .....

Date:

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