

## **Assent Form for Online Quiz**

You are invited to participate in an anonymous web-based online quiz about opioids. Since the 1990s the opioid epidemic has risen the death toll among each generation. Due to the large death toll, researchers have found that an addiction to opioids developed during the adolescent years (ages 10-19). Therefore, studying what the adolescent population recognizes about opioids will help understand any changes that need to be made with the health curriculum. You will be asked a series of questions about opioids in a quiz format. Data will be collected and analyzed for a research project being conducted by a student in the Science Research Program at Valley Stream Central High School.

### **PARTICIPATION**

Your participation in this quiz is voluntary. You may refuse to take part in this research or exit the quiz at any time without penalty. You are free to decline to answer any particular question you do not wish to answer for any reason.

### **BENEFITS**

You will receive no direct benefits from participating in this research study. However, your responses may help us learn more about student awareness of opioids for the future of Valley Stream.

### **RISKS**

The quiz contains questions regarding knowledge of opioids. There are no foreseeable risks involved in participating in this study other than those encountered in day-to-day life. If you have been impacted by opioids in your lifetime, this may be a sensitive topic, and could potentially result in emotional stress.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

Your answers to the questions from the quiz will be collected on Microsoft Forms, where data will be stored in a password protected electronic format. Microsoft Forms does not collect personal information such as your name, email address, or IP address through the anonymous function. Therefore, your responses will remain anonymous. The researcher will not be able to identify you or your answers, and such individuals will not know whether or not you participated in the study.

However, there is always the possibility of tampering from an outside source when using the internet for collecting information. While the confidentiality of your responses will be protected once the data are downloaded from the internet, there is always a possibility of hacking or other security breaches that could threaten the confidentiality of your responses. Once again, please know that you are free to decide not to answer any question.

### **CONTACT**

If you have questions at any time about the study or the procedures, you may contact my research supervisor, Robert Keith Hildebrand via email at [hildebrr@vschsd.org](mailto:hildebrr@vschsd.org). If you are not certain you have not been treated according to the descriptions in this form, or that your rights as a participant in this research project have not been honored during the course of this project, or you have any questions, concerns, or complaints that you wish to address to someone other than the investigator, you may contact Valley Stream Central High School at (516)561-4400.

By signing below, you are agreeing to participate in this quiz. You may make a copy of this consent form for your records.

Your Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_