## OBTAINING ASSENT FROM CHILDREN OR MINORS

Parents, legal guardians, or a legally authorized official must sign consent forms permitting minors to participate in research projects. The Informed Consent Document for children or minors must be prepared with the same thoroughness as the Informed Consent Document for adults. An Informed Consent Document for children or minors must be completed by parent/guardian of the child or minor.

Both children and minors are required to sign an “Assent” Form. The following are two samples of Assent Forms. Language must be simplified as appropriate for the age group used as subjects, such as:

## SAMPLE ASSENT DOCUMENT FOR RESEARCH INVOLVING MINORS

*(Note: This format is suggested by the IRB)*

Witness by Parent/Guardian

Signature

I, , understand that mom and dad have said it’s okay for me to take part in a project about under the direction of

 . I am taking part because I want to. I have been told that I can stop at any time I want to and nothing will happen to me if I want to stop.

**CHILD/MINOR ASSENT FORM**

**\* \* \* \* OR \* \* \* \* \***

Witness by Parent/Guardian

Signature

I, , understand that my parents have given permission for me to participate in a study concerning under the direction of . My participation in this project is voluntary and I have been told that I may stop my participation in this study at any time. If I choose not to participate, it will not affect my grade (treatment/care, etc., as appropriate) in any way.

For children unable to read and sign written assent forms, a verbal script for assent should be submitted in lieu of the above.