



**IRB INFORMED CONSENT or AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM**

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**Consent Form Title:** Consent Form to Participate in an Interview

**Project Title:** Nurses' Conversations with HIV patients at End of Life

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**Authorized IRB Approval Signature:**

**Approval Date:**

*November 29, 2011*

You are invited to participate in a qualitative research study about nurses' conversations with HIV patients at end of life. The purpose of this study is to explore what HIV patients reflect upon and converse about at end of life.

If you agree to participate, you will be interviewed by a graduate nursing student. Before the interview begins, you will be asked to list your age and gender. You will also be asked questions about where you were born, your educational experience, and years of nursing experience. Then, you will be asked to describe your conversations when caring for HIV patients at end of life. It is anticipated that the interview will last about 45-60 minutes. The interview will be audio-taped and conducted in a private area of your choice.

There are minimal risks associated with participation in this study. As you answer some of the questions, you might remember some unpleasant or sad experiences, but this should not be any more than when you recall patient experiences at any other time.

There is no compensation for participation in this study.

There are no direct benefits to participants, but you may enjoy being recalling and talking about your patient experiences. It is expected that this research will increase understanding about nurses' experiences with their patients. Findings from this study will be used to develop educational programs for nursing students, nurses and other healthcare professionals to learn to facilitate therapeutic conversations with their patients at end of life.

You have the right to refuse to answer any of the demographic form questions or interview questions or to withdraw from the study at any time without consequence to you.

All information about your participation in this study will be kept confidential. Your name and the name of the place where the interview is being held will not be used on any of the study materials. All information you provide will be coded and kept in a locked file cabinet in the PI's office at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. No identifying information will be asked on the demographic form or recorded during the interview. The tapes will be destroyed after the interviews have been transcribed.

If you have any questions about this research study, please ask them now. If you have questions in the future, please contact the principal investigator, Juliette Shellman at 978-934-4742.

**PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR SIGNATURE(S).**

1. Printed Name: Juliette Shellman

Signature:

Date: 10/21/11

2. Printed Name:

Signature:

Date:

**PERSON OBTAINING CONSENT**

Printed Name:

Date:

Signature: