

# Research Subject Advocate Program

Thanks again for taking part in a research study!  
Feel free to contact us at any time to privately discuss concerns you may have. We're here to help you ...

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*Researchers, Subjects, and Advocates  
Working Together for  
Safe and Ethical Research*



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*The Research Subject Advocate Program welcomes you to our clinical research center. Thank you for being here! Medical science would not advance without you ...*

*This brochure describes how you can work together with members of your research team for safe and ethical medical research.*

### Research Subject Advocates [That's us!]



Advocates stand up for you, and can work on your behalf with members of the research team. We also:

- Review research plans to identify safety or ethical concerns before a study is started.
- Monitor problems and side effects that you may experience.
- Recommend changes to a study if safety or ethical concerns arise.
- Provide confidential help to you. If you have any concerns about being in a study – call us at 617-726-0541, or stop by our office on White 13 at Massachusetts General Hospital.

### Research Subjects [That's you!]

A research subject volunteers to take part in a clinical study. You also should:

- Know that taking part in research is voluntary, and that you can stop at any time.
- Understand the purpose, procedures, and risks of the study.
- Ask questions if any parts of the study or its risks are unclear to you.
- Keep a copy of your signed consent form, so that you can read it again at home.
- Tell the researchers about any side effects or discomforts that you may have.
- Contact the Research Subject Advocate Program if you have any concerns that you would like to talk about.

### Research Team [That's your doctors, nurses, nutritionists, and study staff!]

Members of the research team are professionals who work together with you to safely carry out each step of the study plan. They also:

- Have the research study reviewed and approved by a human research committee before it is started.
- Explain to you the purpose of the research, the procedures involved, and the benefits and risks.
- Answer any questions you have about the study.
- Provide you with a copy of your signed consent form.
- Report any side effects you may have to a human research committee.
- Make sure that your medical information stays private.
- Work with the Research Subject Advocates for safe and ethical research.