

## Minor Assent Document

Project Title: Role of Pregnancy and Lactation in Inhibiting Age-Induced Promoter Hypermethylation

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We are doing a research study about how pregnancy at different ages may change the risk of breast cancer. Although we will not actually be studying breast cancer, some of the results of our study may be helpful in studying breast cancer.

If you decide that you want to be part of this study, you will be asked to sign this form, complete a questionnaire, and donate a fresh breast milk sample. We will come to your home and wait while you pump the milk using either your own pump or a sterile pump provided by us. Ideally we would like to collect about 3.4 ounces of fresh breast milk. From our experience we have found that some women can provide this amount, while other women can provide much less. Regardless of the amount you can provide, we will be able to use your breast milk sample, and are grateful for your participation.

Your parent/legal guardian knows we are going to ask you to participate in this project. Your name will not be written anywhere on the questionnaire. No one will know these answers came from you personally. When we are finished with this study we will write a report about what was learned. This report will not include your name or that you were in the study.

If you don't want to participate, you can stop at any time. There will be no bad feelings if you don't want to do this. You can ask questions if you do not understand any part of the study. You do not have to be in this study if you do not want to be. If you decide to stop after we begin, that's okay too.

If you understand this and have decided you want to be in this study, please sign your name.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, want to be in this research study.  
(Print your name here)

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(Sign your name here)

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(Date)

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

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(Date)

Investigator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_