

Assent Form

University of Minnesota

Assent to Participate in Research

Title of Research Study: *Sunscreen Use and Social Media Habits in Adolescents*

Researcher: Lori Fiessinger, MD

What is research?

Doctors and researchers are committed to your care and safety. There are important differences between research and treatment plans:

- The goal of research is to learn new things in order to help groups of kids in the future. Researchers learn things by asking a question, making a plan, and testing it.

Why am I being asked to take part in this research study?

A research study is usually done to find a better way to treat people or to understand how things work. You are being asked to take part in this research study because you are between the age 13-17.

What should I know about being in a research study?

You do not have to be in this study if you do not want to do so. It is up to you if you want to participate and if you want to, talk to your parents about any questions or concerns you have about the study. You can choose not to take part now and change your mind later if you want. If you decide you do not want to be in this study, no one will be mad at you. You can ask all the questions you want before you decide.

Why is this research being done?

In this study, I want to find out more about how social media use may or may not affect how much adolescents get exposed to the sun, such as using sunscreen. We also want to better understand if there is peer pressure on how to look, based on how adolescents engage with social media.

Sun exposure at a young age can increase a person's risk of developing skin cancer. This study will help doctors better counsel adolescent patients in the future about how they can minimize risk of developing skin cancer.

How long will the research last?

I expect that you will be in this research study for one session that will last less than 10 minutes.

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What happens if I say “Yes, I want to be in this research”?

If it is okay with you and you agree to join this study, you will be asked to take the following survey about your social media use and sun exposure habits, either on an iPad we provide you or on a personal smartphone. We will not collect any identifying information. You will receive a bag.

Is there any way being in this study could be bad for me?

You may feel uncomfortable when answering questions about peer pressure.

What happens to the information collected for the research?

The researchers will share your information, including research study records, to only people who have a need to review this information. For example, sometimes researchers need to share information with the University or other people that work in research to make sure the researchers are following the rules.

Who can I talk to?

For questions about research appointments, the research study, research results, or other concerns, call the study team at:

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This research has been reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB), a group of people that look at the research before it starts. This group is part of the Human Research Protection Program (HRPP). To share concerns privately with the HRPP about your research experience, call the Research Participants’ Advocate Line at 612-625-1650 (Toll Free: 1-888-224-8636) or go to z.umn.edu/participants. You are encouraged to contact the HRPP if:

- Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone besides the research team or your parents.
- You have questions about your rights as a research participant.
- You want to get information or provide feedback about this research.

By checking “yes” on the next question in the online survey, you will document your agreement to take part in this research.