

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL RESEARCH SUBJECT'S BILL OF RIGHTS

Under California law, any person who is requested to participate as a subject in a medical experiment, or who is requested to consent on behalf of another, must be given a copy of a specified Bill of Rights written in a language in which the person is fluent. Medical experiment is defined in the law as:

1. The severance or, penetration or damaging of tissues of a human subject or the use of a drug or a device as defined in the California Health and Safety Code, use of electromagnetic radiation, heat or cold, or use of a biological substance or organism, in or upon a human subject in the practice of research or medicine, in a manner not reasonably related to maintaining or improving the health of such subject or otherwise directly benefiting such subject.
2. The investigational use of a drug or device licensed by the Federal Food and Drug Administration or the California Department of Health Services.
3. Withholding medical treatment from a human subject for any purpose other than maintenance or improvement of the health of such subject.

A Spanish version can be obtained from the CPHS Office, Room 130, Thomas Administration Building (278-4468).