**VA Portland Code of Conduct Statement**

**for Participants in Research Studies**

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We aim to conduct our research programs in an atmosphere of respect and non-discrimination.

* Research Staff will treat you with dignity, compassion and respect as an individual. You will not be subject to discrimination for any reason including: age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture, language, physical or mental disability, socioeconomic status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.
* In turn, our research team appreciates your efforts to extend this same standard of respect to other research participants and to all members of our staff.

Thank you for helping us maintain our environment of mutual respect.

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This statement is consistent with Federal law, VA policy, and accreditation standards of the Joint Commission.

To report concerns, please email [research.feedback@va.gov](mailto:research.feedback@va.gov) or call 503-273-5125.