
**Title: Seattle Longitudinal Study
Consent for Ability Testing**

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PURPOSE OF THE STUDY: Since 1956, the Seattle Longitudinal Study has looked at changes in problem-solving skills and thinking ability over time. In 2005-06 you took a series of mental ability tests. We would like to repeat these tests to see whether there have been any changes in your performance.

PROCEDURES: If you agree to be in this study, we will ask you to take a series of psychological tests, which will include the tests you were given previously in 2005-06 and in prior waves of the Seattle study. The total time required is approximately 5 hours. There will be two sessions, each session lasting 2.5 hours. There will be a take-home packet of questionnaires, completion of which will require no more than 2 hours. The testing sessions will be conducted at one of the Group Health Clinics or other convenient sites. Since this is a longitudinal study, it is possible that we may want to collect additional data on you in the future. Participation in the present study, however, does not obligate you in any way to participate in any future data collection. You may ask us for feedback about your test scores.

We ask that you allow us to review your medical and pharmacy records for research purposes in order to relate medical data to the psychological data that we collected in the Seattle Longitudinal Study.

Twenty-five dollars will be paid for participation in each session with an additional \$25 bonus for participating in both sessions and completing the take-home questionnaires (a total of \$75.00 for completing the entire program).

POTENTIAL RISKS: To our knowledge, being in this study will not cause any physical or psychological harm or discomfort. We expect that the effort required will be similar to being involved in an intensive educational program. However, some people may feel uncomfortable answering questions about their personal health behaviors and history. You may skip any question you do not want to answer.

POTENTIAL BENEFITS: Some people may enjoy the testing process. The information we get from this study may help develop better ways of detecting and identifying people who are at high risk for problems with thinking ability in advanced old age.

SAFEGUARDS: Although confidentiality can never be guaranteed, we have the following safeguards in place: We will keep all information about you confidential as provided by law. All of your research records will be kept indefinitely in locked cabinets and protected computer files

