

Appendix J

MODEL FORMS
SAMPLES OF WRITTEN CHILD ASSENT FORM

(This is to be used when parents have given approval for their children to participate and the researcher is now beginning data collection with the children themselves.)

Language must be simplified as appropriate for the age group used as subjects, such as:

I have been told that my parents (mom or dad) have given permission (said it's okay) for me to take part in a project about _____.

I will be asked to _____.

I am taking part because I want to. I know that I can stop at any time I want to and it will be okay if I want to stop.

Sign Your Name Here

Print Your Name Here

OR

I have been informed that my parent(s) have given permission for me to participate in a study concerning _____.

I will be asked to _____.

My participation in this project is voluntary and I have been told that I may stop my participation in this study at any time. If I choose not to participate, (it will not affect my grade, treatment/care, *whichever applies*) in any way.

Signature

Printed Name

For children unable to understand written assent forms, a verbal script for assent should be submitted in lieu of the above. The researcher should sign the script indicating that he/she has sought assent and that the child agrees to participate.