**GUIDANCE ON PARENTAL PERMISSION**

The goal of the parental permission form is to provide parents with sufficient information to make an informed decision about whether or not to allow their child to participate in a research study. The parental permission document should provide a description of the research study, what procedures parents can expect their child to be exposed and what the rights of the child are with respect to their participation in research. The parental permission form is only a tool for initiating communications about the research study and is only one step in the ongoing informed consent process.

The purpose of the template is to assist you in creating a parental permission form that meets the federal requirements for obtaining and documenting child assent at 45 CFR 46.116 and parental permission §46.408. The template is intended to be a guide; however, all investigators must follow the template format, order and all sections in must be included. If you would like to omit a particular section, you will need to complete a Request for Waiver of Some or all of the Elements of Informed Consent form.