

## **VCU Informed Consent Assessment (VCU-ICA)**

### Comments To The User

This generic testing instrument is offered to provide investigators with a tool to evaluate the informed consent process and to assess the effect of improvements in the process.

We predict that the items in this instrument when used under the most ideal circumstances can yield a correct response rate of 90%. Use under less than ideal circumstances undoubtedly will yield lower response rates. Furthermore, the user may set individual "desired response" goals for specific survey items to reflect their importance in a research study.

Certain requirements are necessary prior to the use of this survey instrument:

- The user first must select those items deemed relevant to a specific research study and to its informed consent process
- The user must then select the "desired response(s)" to each item identified as relevant. more than one response may be considered as "desired" within a specific item.

We recommend administering the complete survey, including all survey items, relevant and non-relevant, as it permits a comparison and retains item identity for later evaluations.