

Study Title: Scaling Community-Clinical Linage Models to Address Diabetes and Hypertension Disparities in the Southeast United States

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Focus Group Verbal Consent Script Ver. 6.28.2021

Hello, my name is _____ from [site]. I would like to invite you to participate in a research focus group discussion for community members who joined the *DREAM Program to Manage Hypertension and Diabetes for South Asian Patients*. Participants will be asked some questions about your participation in this program, including what you liked or did not like about it.

Your participation in this focus group discussion is completely voluntary. This means that you do not have to participate in this focus group discussion unless you want to. You may also skip any questions that you do not wish to answer. The research focus group discussion will take approximately 45 minutes. We estimate that approximately 50 people will enroll in this study.

Would you be willing to join? (If yes, continue with script and schedule the focus group discussion date/time. If no, thank them for their time.)

Thank you for agreeing to participate. There is no expected risk to you for helping me with this study. There are no expected alternatives or benefits to you either. Your responses will help us to understand what works and doesn't work about the program and can help us to improve it and bring it to other communities. There are no costs to you to participate in this study. You will receive a \$10 gift card for your time after the focus group discussion is finished.

With your permission, I'd like to audio-record the discussion so that I can take notes from the recording later on. I will not record or report any names of participants in this discussion. I will use a special code to label the audio recording file and connect it to the transcript. The recording will help me to make sure not to miss any important information that can help improve the program.

You also need to understand that all information that I receive from participants in this focus group discussion will be strictly confidential. We will not be attaching any names to the transcript or recording of this discussion. I will not identify you or use any information that would make it possible for anyone to identify you in any presentation or written reports about this study. If it is okay with you, I might want to use direct quotes from you, but these would only be cited as from a person from your community. When we analyze the responses from everyone who has agreed to participate, I will group all the answers together in any type of report or presentation. There will be no way to identify individual participants.

If you do not agree to verbally consent to participating in this study, your relationship with your organization and participation in this program will not be affected.

This study is being sponsored by a grant from the National Institutes of Health. Portions of Dr. [site PI]'s and her research team's salaries are being paid by this grant.

Do you have any questions? You can also call Dr. [site PI] at [telephone number] with questions about the research study.

Do I have your permission to schedule you for a focus group discussion?