

## Debriefing Form

If an initial consent form\* was read and accepted, you need to add a debriefing explanation of your use of deception. Suggested text:

Thank for participating in the preceding research. The study team needs to include some very important information regarding your decision to be in this study. You were actually engaged in research that used a form of deception. The use of deception was necessary, in order to ensure that no participant(s) overstate and/or understate their level of ----. The real focus of this study was to examine ----- . (Explain at this time all relevant information about the study and its link to deception.)

If and when applicable, please include a statement such as:

*If you feel a need to speak to a professional concerning any uncomfortable feelings from your participation in this research, you may contact (add whatever pertinent information here).*

You now have the choice of either having your data included in the research study, or to be withdrawn from the research study. If you choose to withdraw from this research study, your data will be shredded and disposed of in your presence. If you have any further questions or wish to be included in the composite findings of this research study, you may contact: (please add a name and contact information here).

I have been fully debriefed and the study team has offered to answer any and all of my questions related to this research study.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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