

# The Child Health and Development Studies of the Public Health Institute

## Verbal Consent To Participate in the Telephone Interview

### **Study Title: Environmental Causes of Breast Cancer Across Generations (3Gs)**

#### STUDY PURPOSE

You have been invited to participate in a research study being conducted by researchers at the Child Health and Development Studies, a project of the Public Health Institute, in Berkeley, CA. This study is sponsored by the California Breast Cancer Research Program. You were asked to participate in this study because you and your mother participated in the Child Health and Development Study during your mother's pregnancy with you. The CHDS was a landmark study begun over 50 years ago at Kaiser Permanente. These studies greatly advanced medical knowledge about pregnancy, childbirth, and child development.

This study is looking at environmental factors and their effect on our health as we age and how these environmental factors may play a role in development of disease. We would also like to learn about the relationships between certain environmental factors and the risk of developing breast cancer. In order for us to better understand the causes of breast cancer; we need to include women who have not had breast cancer in our research studies, as well as women who have had breast cancer. The results from this study will be used to learn how we may prevent or reduce the occurrence of breast cancer and other health conditions. Over 6000 women from different backgrounds whose mothers were participants of the Child Health and Development Studies will be asked to participate.

Below is the verbal consent that was read to you and that you agreed to on the telephone before you completed the interview. **This is for your own information and you do not need to return anything to the study.**

#### VERBAL CONSENT YOU AGREED TO:

The interview includes questions about your personal health, menstrual and reproductive histories and health behaviors including smoking, alcohol and caffeine use. We will also ask questions your family structure, family medical history, and demographic questions about occupation, income, education and race / ethnicity.

Your participation in this interview is voluntary. If you decide not to participate, it will not affect you or your health care in any way. The risks from participation in the interview are minimal. Rarely, some persons may become upset when discussing their medical history or other topics. If that happens, you may skip that question or stop the interview. There are no personal benefits to you from participating in the interview but for your time and effort, you will receive \$25.00 for completing the telephone interview. Some people also get a sense of satisfaction from being able to think about and share their health experiences and in being able to help in the effort to better understand causes of breast cancer and other health conditions.

Information that has been collected as part of this study may be combined with past and, as yet, unnamed research studies related to the Child Health and Development studies. Your answers and personal information will be kept strictly confidential to the full extent of the law. All electronic data for this study will be kept on secure computers that cannot be used by anyone except the study team. The list of names and matching code numbers will be stored separately from the other study information and will not be available to outside users of study data. The information from this study will not be presented or published in any way that would allow the identification of any participant.