

CONSENT

We will arrange to have your blood sample checked for cholesterol and other factors which are important for heart disease risk. The results of the blood tests and other measurements will be sent back to your doctor in the next four to five weeks. If any of the results give cause for concern, you will be asked to make an appointment with your doctor.

1. Do you agree to us passing the test results to your doctor?

₁ Agreed ₂ Not Agreed

Part of your blood sample will be frozen and kept for special scientific studies of factors affecting heart disease risk, which may help us to understand how to prevent heart disease in the future. Among the factors we may need to study will be the way in which genetic factors affect heart disease risk.

2. Would you allow us to use your sample in this way?

₁ Agreed ₂ Not Agreed

Following the future health of all the men taking part remains a very important part of the study. However, because of new data protection laws, we are only able to continue to do this if you give us **specific written permission**.

In order to update your health record effectively, we need to obtain routine information from your family doctor and, where appropriate, from hospitals and several National Health Service agencies listed below*. We are particularly concerned to know about illnesses of the heart and circulation, diabetes, cancer and other disabling conditions. Even if you do not have any of these conditions, the review of your medical records is of very great importance to us. The information we obtain is kept securely and is only seen by members of our small research team.

3. Do you agree to us following your future health through your health records?

₁ Agreed ₂ Not Agreed

I agree to allow the Research Team to continue to study my health in accordance with the criteria above. I understand that any details recorded will be treated in complete confidence.

Signed: _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____

*The agencies related to the National Health Service are:-
-the NHS Information Centre
-the General Register Office
-the National Cancer Intelligence Centre
-the Primary Care Patient Registration Service