

Long Beach Center for Clinical Research

Thank you for expressing an interest in our clinical research programs. We offer programs for patients who have high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or diabetes. All of these research programs are not always available and opportunities for enrollment are considered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The only way we can determine whether it is in your best interest to join the program is to interview you about your medical history and to perform a physical examination. Because of various study requirements, participation may be limited by factors such as weight, sex, or childbearing potential. It is also possible that other conditions or problems you may have, or other medications that you are presently taking, could prevent us from including you in a program.

Tests, such as blood analysis, urine tests, and electrocardiograms, which may be required by certain study programs, are carried out free of charge to you. At no time are you under any obligation to us. Participation in one of our research programs is always entirely voluntary.

We will be happy to discuss all aspects of your evaluation and treatment with your personal physician. We would also be happy to provide copies of any test results. Good communication with your regular doctor is important because routine medical care unrelated to our program still remains primarily your responsibility. If you do not have a regular doctor we would be pleased to provide a list of local physicians. Alternatively, we could refer you to one of the public health facilities in the area.

Before you actually enter a study we will ask you to sign an informed consent which explains to you everything that is involved in the study. We would like to emphasize that we are always happy to give you all information that you may request. Please feel free to ask questions if there is something you do not understand.

Compensation

Financial compensation may be available to you at the end of the research program to assist you with travel expenses. This amount is fixed by the sponsoring company and will be paid to you at the end of the study. Payment is made on your final visit and only for visits that are a part of the study. The study visits start **after** you sign the informed consent. **No financial compensation is available for visits before or between studies.** However, there is no charge to you for these additional visits. The informed consent will specify what the payment is for a particular study.

Parking/Travel Expenses

Parking is available at the Diamond parking lot located on the corner of 29th and Atlantic. We are unable to provide free parking. We will stamp your parking ticket at the time of your appointment for the reduced rate. The average cost for parking will be \$2 per visit.

We understand that it may be difficult to pay for travel and wait until the end of the study to receive your compensation. Arrangements must be made ahead of time if you think you will have difficulty paying for your travel expenses. Again, any payments made to you are deducted from your final check.

Your signature on this sheet indicates that you have read and understand this letter. It is not a commitment on your part.

Signature

Date