Informed consent template language for use of the Forte payment system.

Include if the study is utilizing Forte Participant Payments to manage the payments. Otherwise delete, either as part of the full study informed consent form or as a stand-alone consent form for payment.

The research team will use a system called Forte Participant Payments to manage payments to research participants. The system offers 3 payment options:

1. Reloadable debit / credit cards. When selected, funds are available on the same business day. If you choose to receive a reloadable debit/credit card, as per the cardholder agreement, there are some restrictions on the use of the card.
2. Electronic deposits into your bank account. You define your bank account via a banking portal provided to you via email. When selected and appropriately defined, the funds are available within 3 business days. To use this method you will need to provide your bank account information to Forte.
3. Paper check mailed to you. You define this method via a banking portal provided to you via email. When selected and appropriately defined, a paper checks require 3 days to process plus delivery time.

All three options require the collection of your name, date of birth and gender. If you choose payment option 2 or 3 you will need to provide your email address to the research team.

The payment method selected will be associated with your participant record. If you enroll in other studies at the university (or the GW Medical Faculty Associates) that use the Forte Participant Payment system, payments from those other studies will be made using the same payment method (same card, bank account information or paper check mailing address) that you choose.

If the total amount of payment you receive from the George Washington University (or GW Medical Faculty Associates) meets or exceeds $450.00, a research team member will contact you to provide you with a tax form to complete. This tax form will request your social security number.

If you receive $600 or more from the university (or the GW Medical Faculty Associates), GW must report the amount you receive to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on the form 1099-MISC. This form tells the IRS that payment was made to you, but it does not say that you were paid for taking part in this research study. You should talk to your tax advisor regarding the proper use of this form 1099-MISC.

If you choose to use a reloadable card, Forte Participant Payments may disclose information to third parties about the card or the transactions you make:

(1) Where it is necessary for completing transactions;

(2) In order to verify the existence and condition of the card for a third party, such as a merchant;

(3) In order to comply with government agency, court order, or other legal or administrative reporting requirements;

(4) If you consent by giving us your written permission;

(5) To our employees, auditors, affiliates, service providers, or attorneys as needed; or

(6) Otherwise as necessary to fulfill our obligations under the card holder agreement (provided separately)