

From: [REDACTED]
To: Rykaczewska, Agnieszka@OTSI
Subject: Re: Informed Consent - Air Smart Research Study
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:35:36 PM
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Please describe how you provided your contact information to the study team. At that time, were you informed that your phone number might be used to receive text messages? No. They required the contact information as a means to participate in the study.

How many of each of the following communications did you receive from the study team:

- a. Text messages 4
- b. Emails 13
- c. Phone calls (please include the approximate duration of each call, if known) 20+ min.

Did you complete an informed consent form for the study? Yes and signed it If so, please describe the process, including any discussion of the information described in the informed consent with study staff. Most of the conversation was my setting boundaries about communication means and the numbers the company took advantage of.

Did you complete the first in-home study visit? Kimberly Berger of the AirSmart Research Study cancelled me.

On Mon, Jun 8, 2026 at 5:16 PM Rykaczewska, Agnieszka@OTSI
<Agnieszka.Rykaczewska@otsi.ca.gov> wrote:

Hello [REDACTED],

Thank you again for contacting the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS). As part of our review of the concerns you reported, we are requesting additional information to ensure we have a complete and accurate understanding of the circumstances you described. At your convenience, please provide the following:

1. Please describe how you provided your contact information to the study team. At that time, were you informed that your phone number might be used to receive text messages?
2. How many of each of the following communications did you receive from the study team:
 - a. Text messages
 - b. Emails
 - c. Phone calls (please include the approximate duration of each call, if known)
3. Did you complete an informed consent form for the study? If so, please describe the process, including any discussion of the information described in the informed consent with study staff.
4. Did you complete the first in-home study visit?

We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we gather information related to this matter. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Agnieszka

Agnieszka Rykaczewska

Deputy Director, Insights Lab

Administrator, Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects

Office of Technology and Solutions Integration (OTSI)



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2026 11:12 AM
To: Rykaczewska, Agnieszka@OTSI <Agnieszka.Rykaczewska@otsi.ca.gov>
Cc: Dickey, Larry <larry.dickey@ucsf.edu>; Hess, Catherine@CDPH <Catherine.Hess@cdph.ca.gov>; OTSI CPHS <cphs@otsi.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: Informed Consent - Air Smart Research Study

Because this incident stemmed from an agreement bound in writing (Informed Consent - Air Smart Research Study) it will be necessary to keep this issue in writing. Please respond to this email at your earliest convenience. Thank you. [REDACTED]

On Thu, Jun 4, 2026 at 9:27 AM Rykaczewska, Agnieszka@OTSI
<Agnieszka.Rykaczewska@otsi.ca.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for your patience as the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS) continues to gather the information necessary to understand this matter. As part of this ongoing information-gathering process, we would like to schedule time to speak with you regarding the circumstances you reported.

Please let me know if you are available for a 30- to 45-minute Zoom or phone discussion during any of the following times:

- Thursday, June 4, between 3:30–4:30 PM
- Friday, June 5, between 1–2 PM
- Monday, June 8, between 9–10 AM

If none of these options are convenient, I can provide additional availability.

Sincerely,

Agnieszka

Agnieszka Rykaczewska

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From: Rykaczewska, Agnieszka@OTSI

Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 3:01 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Dickey, Larry <larry.dickey@ucsf.edu>; Hess, Catherine@CDPH <Catherine.Hess@cdph.ca.gov>; OTSI CPHS <cphs@otsi.ca.gov>

Subject: RE: Informed Consent - Air Smart Research Study

Thank you for contacting the CalHHS Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS) and for providing this information. We acknowledge receipt of your submission and are currently reviewing the matter. A member of our team will follow up with you to request any additional information needed within the next two to three business days.

Sincerely,
Agnieszka Rykaczewska

Agnieszka Rykaczewska

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communication.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2026 11:43 AM

To: OTSI CPHS <cphs@otsi.ca.gov>; Principal Investigator Kimberly Berger
<kimberly@sequoiafoundation.org>

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I need to be paid for my time. The Air Smart Study personnel barraged me with phone calls, texts and emails and questioned me about incidents that that they were informed about themselves as they were copied on emails. I had NOT given permission (nor was I even asked for permission) to text me yet my data plan was compromised by the Air Smart company's texts. The angst, time and expense alone requires a payment of \$50.00 sent to me ASAP from Air Smart as an additional 20 minutes of my time was taken from me this morning. NO ONE should be subjected to this barrage of phone calls, texts and emails and then denied promised payment. California Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects, please see that I am compensated for my time and suffering, otherwise please shut the study down so no other unfortunate subjects are harmed. Thank you, [REDACTED]