

# RECONCEPTUALIZING GENDER & HEALTH

## Informed Consent

*Reconceptualizing Gender & Health* is research project exploring how people's gender identity and experiences influence their health in both positive and negative ways. We are particularly interested in the repercussions other people and institutions create when we conform and don't conform to gender expectations.

The interview will cover topics related to your gender experiences and how you think they have affected your health. The interviews have been averaging about one-hour to an hour and a half. The questions we'll ask are very open-ended so the length of the interview will depend on how much information you care to share and the amount of time you have. We ask that you schedule an hour and a half for the interview.

Your participation in the interview is voluntary. You can decline to answer any question or end the interview at any time. You may also decline to participate in any follow-up discussions – it is completely up to you. Your participation in the study and any identifying information you share about yourself or anyone else during your interview will be kept confidential.

Discussing your experiences may raise issues you have not previously considered or that you find troubling. This would hopefully be balanced by the opportunity to talk through those issues, which others have found to be beneficial.

If you have any questions during the interview, you can just stop the interviewer and ask. If you have any questions or concerns after the interview, feel free to contact me at [contact information from their preferred method].

Finally, you will receive a \$100 visa gift card for participating in the interview.

Do you have any questions about the interview or how the information you share will be used?

- Do you agree to be interviewed?
- We would like to audiotape the interview. This way the interviewer can focus on what you are saying rather than scribbling notes. The tape will be transcribed and any identifying information removed from the transcript. Once that's done, we delete the digital file.
  - May we audiotape the interview?

If you have any questions or concerns, you can always contact the *Reconceptualizing Gender & Health* team at [rgl-gh@sp2.upenn.edu](mailto:rgl-gh@sp2.upenn.edu) / 484-451-4101 or Penn's Institutional Review Board at 215-898-2614.