Northeastern Illinois University
Institutional Review Board

Appendix B
Involving Children as Subjects in Research

Researchers planning to include children in research projects must provide:

Justification

1. Written justification for inclusion that documents the benefits that are likely to accrue to each child participating in the project. This statement should include information gathered on adults if it exists or an explanation about why it does not exist.

2. It is expected that children will be included in all research involving human subjects unless one or more of the following exclusionary circumstances can be full justified:

   - Research topic is irrelevant to children,
   - Laws or regulations bar the inclusion of children in the research,
   - Knowledge being sought in the research is already available for children or will be obtained from another ongoing study and an additional study will be redundant,
   - A separate, age-specific study in children is warranted and preferable,
   - Insufficient data are available in adults to judge potential risk in children,
   - Study designs aimed at collecting additional data on pre-enrolled adult study participants, or
   - Other special cases justified by the investigator and found acceptable to the IRB.

Parental Permission for children and teenagers

1. Parental permission (consent) form

2. Written assent form for school aged children and teenager who can read – generally 12-18 years old

3. Written assent and verbal assent for school aged children 7-11 years old (include verbal script)

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PI initials date