**ADDENDUM:** **CERTIFICATE OF CONFIDENTIALITY CONSENT Language**

**If a study is funded by NIH or a CoC has been obtained from the NIH Kiosk insert the following language into the section AFTER ‘How will information about me be kept private or confidential?’**

**Replace instructional language (in BLUE) with language that applies to your research.**

**If this is inserted into a Parental/Guardian Permission form,**

* **change “consent” to “parental/guardian permission”.**
* **change “you” to “your child” where appropriate.**
* **change “me” or “my” to “your child(‘s)” where appropriate.**

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