

Informed Consent

Date 3/18/24

Dear Participant

You are invited to participate in a survey entitled: **Relationship Needs Assessment and Help Seeking Behavior for Couples Intervention**. The purpose of the study is to determine if couples are more likely to seek help after completing a Needs Assessment Survey.

Participation in this study involves answering questions about your need for communication or intimacy in the relationship and will take approximately 15 minutes. Whether or not you participate is entirely voluntary and will not affect your relationship with Loma Linda University.

There is a minimal risk of breach of confidentiality; however, this risk will be minimized by using software that allows you to complete and submit the survey anonymously. The link below will take you to the survey. After you finish answering the questions, you will submit the survey electronically. You may stop answering questions at any time or choose not to submit your answers at the end. When we receive the results, no information will link your answers back to you.

Although you will not benefit directly from this study, the information provided will potentially benefit couples to increase their awareness of relationship needs.

You may contact an impartial third party not associated with this study regarding any question or complaint by calling 909-558-4647 or e-mailing patientrelations@llu.edu for information and assistance.

Thank you in advance for considering this invitation. If you have any questions, please give us a call at (840) 800-2080.

If you wish to proceed and participate in the survey after reading this letter, please click on the link provided below. By clicking on the link, you are giving your consent to participate.

Sincerely,

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