

Patient Informed Consent

You are hereby invited to participate in a research study conducted by Andrew D. Weltzien at California Baptist University, School of Nursing. I hope to establish a spiritual assessment tool to facilitate the referral for spiritual treatment of PTSD and to explore benefits and needs associated with spiritual care and PTSD. You were selected as a possible participant in this study because of your exposure to post deployment veterans who may benefit from spiritual care.

If you decide to partake in this study, you will be asked to take part in a survey intended to analyze needs related to PTSD treatment. In addition you will be asked to complete an anonymous Spiritual Wellbeing Assessment as well as a PTSD Checklist (military version). It is the goal of this data to attempt to establish a connection between such needs and spiritual care. Such information will be utilized for creating a spiritual assessment tool that will be utilized amongst returning veterans with PTSD.

Risks involved include possible reluctance and noncompliance from veterans participating in this survey as well as the potential for bias. Benefits from this study involve verifying the adaptability and usefulness of a spiritual care protocol on PTSD symptomology. Although I cannot guarantee that you personally will receive any benefits from this research, your part in this research will build a foundation for pathing a new and effective concept in treating PTSD.

Any information obtained within this study remains confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission or as required by law. Subject identifiers will be kept confidential and the research acquired through this survey will be utilized solely for the purpose of this study.

Your participation is completely voluntary and your decision whether or not to partake in this study will not affect your relationship with the United States Military. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw your consent and discontinue participation at any time without penalty.

If you have any questions about the study, please feel free to contact

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If you have questions regarding your rights as a research subject, please contact the IRB (IRB@calbaptist.edu). You will be offered a copy of this form to keep.

Your signature indicates that you have read and understand the information provided above, that you willingly agree to participate, that you may withdraw your consent at any time and discontinue participation without penalty, that you will receive a copy of this form, and that you are not waiving any legal rights or future claims.

Signature:

Date: