

Oklahoma State University Institutional Review Board

Date: Thursday, March 26, 2015
IRB Application No ED1528
Proposal Title: Loneliness and coping strategies

Reviewed and Exempt
Processed as:

Status Recommended by Reviewer(s): Approved Protocol Expires: 3/25/2018

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The IRB application referenced above has been approved. It is the judgment of the reviewers that the rights and welfare of individuals who may be asked to participate in this study will be respected, and that the research will be conducted in a manner consistent with the IRB requirements as outlined in section 45 CFR 46.

The final versions of any printed recruitment, consent and assent documents bearing the IRB approval stamp are attached to this letter. These are the versions that must be used during the study.

As Principal Investigator, it is your responsibility to do the following:

1. Conduct this study exactly as it has been approved. Any modifications to the research protocol must be submitted with the appropriate signatures for IRB approval. Protocol modifications requiring approval may include changes to the title, PI advisor, funding status or sponsor, subject population composition or size, recruitment, inclusion/exclusion criteria, research site, research procedures and consent/assent process or forms
2. Submit a request for continuation if the study extends beyond the approval period. This continuation must receive IRB review and approval before the research can continue.
3. Report any adverse events to the IRB Chair promptly. Adverse events are those which are unanticipated and impact the subjects during the course of the research; and
4. Notify the IRB office in writing when your research project is complete.

Please note that approved protocols are subject to monitoring by the IRB and that the IRB office has the authority to inspect research records associated with this protocol at any time. If you have questions about the IRB procedures or need any assistance from the Board, please contact Dawnnett Watkins 219 Cordell North (phone: 405-744-5700, dawnnett.watkins@okstate.edu).

Sincerely,



Hugh Crethar, Chair
Institutional Review Board

**OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDY INFORMATION SHEET & INFORMED CONSENT**

RELATIONSHIPS AND THEIR IMPACT ON HEALTH

You are invited to participate in a research study looking at relationships and their impact on health. We ask that you read this form and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to be in the study.

The study is being conducted by Joseph M. Currin, MA, and colleagues at the Sexual Health Research Lab at Oklahoma State University.

STUDY PURPOSE

The purpose of this study is to gain insight into how relationships (or lack of) can impact a person's mental and physical health and decision making.

PROCEDURES FOR THE STUDY:

If you agree to be in the study, you will do the following things:

You will be completing an online questionnaire that is estimated to take between 30-45 minutes of your time. Some of the questions in this study will ask about substance use and sexual risk taking behaviors. As discussed in the confidentiality section below, the study is an anonymous questionnaire, no identifying information will be collected and the records of the study will be kept private.

RISKS OF PARTICIPATION

There are no risks that are anticipated from your participation in the study. Some of the questions may make you feel uncomfortable, but you are free to decline to answer any questions you do not wish to answer or stop participation in the study.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

The anticipated benefit of participation is to provide insight into how loneliness influences behaviors and help direct specific intervention and prevention programs.

CONFIDENTIALITY

This study includes an anonymous questionnaire; as such the records of this study will be kept private. Any written results will discuss group findings and will not include information that will identify you. Research records will be stored on a password-protected computer in a locked office and only researchers and individuals responsible for research oversight will have access to the records. Data will be destroyed three years after the study has been completed.

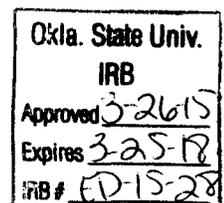
Note that Qualtrics has specific privacy policies of their own. If you have concerns you should consult this service directly. Qualtrics' privacy statement is provided at: <http://qualtrics.com/privacy-statement>.

PAYMENT

For your participation in the study, you have the opportunity to receive one entry into a drawing in which ten separate gift certificates in the amount of \$50 will be awarded.

CONTACTS FOR QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS

For questions about the study, contact the researcher, Joseph Currin at joe.currin@okstate.edu, or his advisor Randolph D. Hubach, PhD, MPH at randolph.hubach@okstate.edu.



Relationship & Health Study

We are seeking men and women to complete an online study about relationships (previous or current) and their impact on health.

For more information visit:
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