

Study Participant Payment via TREMENDOUS Information Sheet

As a part of your participation in a study at Johns Hopkins University, the study team has reviewed the consent form with you which describes payment for participation. We are offering participants an opportunity to receive their payment via a virtual Visa card issued by TREMENDOUS. This program is optional and you do not have to participate. Please let your study team know if you are interested in participating in the TREMENDOUS program.

What is the TREMENDOUS?

TREMENDOUS is a site that allows study staff to issue one-time virtual Visa cards to study participants. When a visit is completed, the virtual Visa will be emailed to the email address you provided, usually within two days. You may use this card online or at any store that accepts virtual Visa cards (such as from a smart phone).

What information is needed to set up TREMENDOUS?

The study team will give TREMENDOUS your **name, email address, and telephone number** as part of the payment system. Your Social Security number is not required up front, unless you earn \$600 or more in total within the same year. Before you can receive \$600 or more in total from TREMENDOUS within the same year, TREMENDOUS will send you a W-9 tax form that you must complete and return to TREMENDOUS to receive further payments. TREMENDOUS will only use this information to make sure you get paid. TREMENDOUS will not use your information for any other purposes, and they will not give or sell your information to any other company.

How does TREMENDOUS protect my personal information?

TREMENDOUS has administrative, physical, and technical safeguards to protect your personal information. Your personal information will be used and disclosed only to support the described payment activities. Your information will be retained only as long as necessary to provide study payment to you and for compliance with applicable laws.

Will my choice about use of the TREMENDOUS impact my participation in the study?

No. You can still receive your study payment without choosing to participate in the TREMENDOUS program. Your decision will not impact your ability to be in the study. You can discuss what you would need to do to be paid by an alternate payment option with the study team.

If I sign up to be paid through the TREMENDOUS, can I change my mind?

If you no longer want to be paid through the TREMENDOUS virtual Visa, you can notify the study staff and (once you make the decision) your personal information will not be further shared with TREMENDOUS. However, this may not affect processing that occurred before you changed your mind.

What if I am being paid to participate in the study, and I do not have or cannot remember my Social Security number?

If you are being paid to participate in the study and you do not have or cannot provide a Social Security number, you will not be asked for your Social Security number and will not be sent a W-9 tax form unless you receive \$600 or more in total during the same year from TREMENDOUS and Johns Hopkins. If you have questions about this, please talk to the study staff.