

GUY2GUY PHASE THREE BETA TEST: INFORMED ASSENT/CONSENT SCRIPT

The Center for Innovative Public Health Research and Northwestern University have developed a healthy sexuality and HIV prevention program for teenage guys who are gay, bisexual, and queer. The program will be sent via text messaging. This research study is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

You are being asked to take part in the beta test. It will last for about 8 weeks. You will receive text messages every day for a total of 6 weeks (with a two-week break in between the 5th and 6th weeks of messages). The messages will talk about things like dating, sex, using condoms when you have sex, and choosing not to have sex.

Here's how it will work:

1. We will ask you to complete an online survey before you start receiving program messages.
2. You will receive between 5-10 text messages every day. You will be matched with a "text buddy" – who is another guy in the beta test that we will pair you with. We will ask you to send at least two text messages to your text buddy every day. There is also a G2Genie that can send you immediate advice about various things (like condoms) when you text him. We'll also ask you to please test out G2Genie several times.
3. At the end of each of the 6 weeks you receive text messages, we will schedule a 10-minute discussion with you over the phone to talk about your experience with the program and to identify areas for improvement in the program.
4. We also will send you a word document that has all of the program messages in it. You can provide feedback on specific messages there.

You will receive a \$30 Amazon gift card if you complete the beta test. This means: receiving all 6-weeks of the program messages and completing the one-on-one phone discussion each of the 6 weeks you receive messages.

The text messages talk about being gay and bisexual, and guys having sex with guys. It is possible that your privacy will be broken if someone sees the messages on your cell phone. Please think about what it would mean for you if this happens. We want you to be sure it's safe for you to take part in the program.

It also is possible that a question in the survey we ask might make you feel uncomfortable. If this happens, you can skip the survey question. If the program messages make you feel uncomfortable, you can stop being in the beta test completely.

We don't know if you will benefit from being part of the study, but your participation is important. Your participation will help us design a better health program for guys like you in the future.

We will keep a copy of your answers so that we can look at them later. Only Dr. Ybarra and people who work with her will be able to see your answers. Your name and contact information will be kept separate from your feedback. Findings will be reported only for the whole group. Your individual results will not be reported.

To help us protect your privacy, we have obtained a Certificate of Confidentiality from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). This Certificate means that we can keep your information private even if we get a court order telling us to share your information. We will use this Certificate to fight demands for your information unless you tell us you want us to share the information. But in the unlikely event that you tell us that you are currently abusing or planning to abuse a child, or you're planning to harm yourself or another person, then we will report this information to the appropriate authorities. For additional information about Certificates of Confidentiality see <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/policy/coc/faqs.htm>.

It is your choice to take part in the beta test or not. If you decide not to take part, nothing bad will happen. You can drop out of the study at any time. Your complete participation during the entire study however, will help us determine which program works best.

Do you have any questions about the information that I just read to you, or about the study?

Do you agree to participate in this study?

[If yes; agrees to participate]

Great! If you have questions about this study, please contact me by email at Tonya@InnovativePublicHealth.org or call 877-302-6858, ext. 806. You can also contact the Principal Investigator, Dr. Michele Ybarra (email: Michele@innovativepublichealth.org; telephone: 877-302-6858, ext. 801).

If you have any concerns about your rights in this research, please contact the Study Subject Adviser at Chesapeake Research Review, Inc., by email at adviser@irbinfo.com. The adviser can be contacted by calling collect at 410-884-2900.

[If no; does not agree to participate]

Thank you for your time. We respect your decision not to take part in the beta test. To help us design future focus studies, can you please tell me why you decided not to take part?