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Consent to Participate in Research – Verbal Presentation

Hello, my name is Lindsey Harper. You have elected to participate in study about Reiki's Influence on Well-Being. This study involves research. The purpose of this research study is to examine Reiki's influence on well-being through interviewing Reiki Practitioners and Masters about their personal lived experiences. This will be explored through answering questions about early life experiences (as it pertains to spirituality), direct experiences with Reiki, and how or whether having a daily self-Reiki practice influences overall well-being. This will take approximately 60 minutes of your time. The Marshall University Institutional Review Board has approved this study.

There are no foreseeable risks or benefits to you for participating in this study. There is no cost or payment to you. If you have questions while taking part, please stop me and ask. Your responses will remain confidential, and the de-identified transcript of your interview will live on Marshall University's Digital Scholar page among other de-identified interviews from Reiki certified individuals.

If you have questions about this research, or study related problems, you may email the Principal Investigator, Lindsey Harper, at harper166@marshall.edu. If you feel as if you were not treated well during this study, or have questions concerning your rights as a research participant call the Marshall University Office of Research Integrity (ORI) at (304) 696-4303.

Your participation in this research is voluntary, and you will not be penalized or lose benefits if you refuse to participate or decide to stop. You may choose not to answer any question that is asked during this interview, and you may stop or end the interview at any time. By participating in this interview, you are confirming that you are 18 years of age or older.

May I continue?