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**CONSENT FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPATION**

[Desisters & Detransitioners]  
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You are invited to take part in a Brown University research study. Your participation is voluntary.

- **RESEARCHER:** Lisa Littman, MD, MPH
- **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this research is to learn about the experiences of desisters and detransitioners--specifically to explore: which factors may or may not be related to the development of and desistance from transgender identification; whether or not individuals experienced changes in their sexual orientation during and after transgender-identification; and (when applicable) what kinds of counseling and informed consent were received when individuals sought medical care to transition.

You are being asked to be in this study because you are currently 18 to 25 years old, live in the U.S. and: did not identify as transgender prior to the age of 12; identified as transgender for at least six months; do not currently identify as transgender; and have not identified as transgender for at least six months

- **PROCEDURES:** You will be asked to complete a confidential, anonymous, web-based survey.
- **TIME INVOLVED:** The survey will take 60-90 minutes of your time.
- **COMPENSATION:** You will not receive compensation for your time.
- **RISKS:** The possible risks to you in taking part in this research include feeling uncomfortable answering questions or potential loss of confidentiality. You may skip any questions that you do not wish to answer.

This survey will ask some questions about trauma, self-harm, and mental health. These assessments will not be reviewed immediately. Everyone participating in this research study will receive a list of contacts if they want to speak with someone about any health concerns or abuse. Because this survey is anonymous, there is no way to contact you for



follow-up regarding your answers. Please use the following list of contacts and resources if needed:

1. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): <https://www.nami.org/Find-Support>; helpline: 1-800-950-6264; and Crisis textline: 741741
2. The National Sexual Assault Hotline: <https://www.rainn.org/about-national-sexual-assault-telephone-hotline>; helpline: 1-800-656-4673
3. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org> ; helpline: 1-800-273-8255
4. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Association: <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline>; helpline: 1-800-662-4357

To protect your identity as a research subject we will not ask or collect any personal information that could identify you in the survey and we will not collect IP addresses. There will be open-text questions where you can type your answers in your own words. Quotes may be taken from these open-text answers and used in publication and presentations but without specific identifying details. If personal identifiers are written, they will not be included in the publications or presentations to protect your privacy. Additionally, if a quote contains potentially recognizable information, the detail will be omitted or adjusted to be made more anonymous.

- **BENEFITS:** You may not directly benefit from being in this research study
- **CONFIDENTIALITY:** To protect your privacy, the data (your answers to the survey questions) will be collected anonymously and will NOT contain your name, your IP address or other identifying information. The data will be stored without identifying information in a Brown University approved file service in Dr. Littman's account. The anonymized data may be used and/or shared for future research.
- **VOLUNTARY:** You do not have to be in this study if you do not want to be. Even if you decide to be in this study, you can change your mind and stop answering survey questions at any point. If you answer some questions and then stop, the responses to questions you did answer will be saved as research data.
- **CONTACT INFORMATION:** If you have any questions about your participation in this study, you can contact Lisa Littman, MD, MPH at [Lisa\\_Littman@brown.edu](mailto:Lisa_Littman@brown.edu).



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- YOUR RIGHTS: If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, you can contact Brown University’s Human Research Protection Program at 401-863-3050 or email them at [IRB@Brown.edu](mailto:IRB@Brown.edu).
- CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE: Clicking the “agree” below confirms that you have read and understood the information in this document, are 18-25 years of age, and that you agree to volunteer as a research participant for this study. You can print a copy of this form at: <https://www.littmanresearch.com/new-research>

I have read and understand the information in this document, I am 18-25 years of age, and I voluntarily agree to participate.

- Agree
- Disagree