



Participant Expectations Form

I. General Instructions

This form is used to ensure that the participant understands the randomization process and the three year duration of the ACHIEVE study. The form should be placed in front of the participant so that they may read the form.

- The staff member should read aloud the first part of form. Text in boldface should be emphasized.

*“Thank you for your interest in the ACHIEVE Study. Taking part in the ACHIEVE study means that you will be assigned to one of two groups. You will be assigned randomly, that is, as if by the flip of a coin. You have an equal chance of being assigned to either the Successful Aging Program or the Hearing Program. **Remember, you must be willing to participate in either group.** Please read the following statements carefully. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns.”*

- The staff member should work through the form with the participant to ensure understanding. For this the staff member should read each statement aloud, together with the preface “I understand” (e.g. “I understand that study staff have no control over the randomization process”). After each sentence the participant should initial the form to indicate that they understand.
- After all statements have been read the participant should initial the last box to confirm that they have read and understood the document.