



Willamette University
Consent to Take Part in a Research Study
Project: Proprioception in Neuropathic Populations

You are invited to participate in a research study conducted by Lucas Ettinger, PhD, from the department of Exercise Science at Willamette University. The purpose of this study is to investigate the influence of neuropathic disorders on proprioception of the lower extremity.

If you decide to participate, you understand that the following things will be done to you:

- You will be asked for some personal information such as your age and weight, all of which will be coded under your subject number.
- You will be asked personal information regarding your medical history.
- An iPod touch will be attached by straps or tape to your leg and you will be asked to raise your leg level several times with your eyes closed.
- You will be asked to wear shorts for the duration of the experiment.
- In total our experimental protocol will take approximately 60 minutes to complete.

There is no direct benefit to you by participating in this study. However, you understand that information gained in this study may help scientists better understand how neuropathic disorders progress and influence the sensory integration.

Risks of participating in this study are similar to the risks associated with elevating your leg (extending at the knee joint) from a relaxed position. If you feel discomfort, you will be asked to relax and take a small break before continuing.

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission. Subject identities will be kept confidential by coding the data with subject numbers, rather than names. All data will be kept in a secure location with access to only authorized personnel.

Your participation is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your relationship with the Willamette University. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw your consent and discontinue participation at any time without penalty.

All risks associated with this study will be minimized by closely working with you and monitoring your activity throughout the experiment to ensure safety.



If you have any questions about the study or regarding your rights as a research subject, please feel free to contact Dr. Lucas Ettinger, (503) 370-6240, Department of Exercise Science, Willamette University, Salem OR, 97302.

This research has been reviewed for the protection of human subjects by Willamette University's Institutional Review Board. Questions about the review process or comments about physical or psychological safety, anonymity, confidentiality, or use or storage of data should be addressed in writing to Dr. Peter Harmer, IRB chair at pharmer@willamette.edu.

Your signature indicates that you have read and understand the information provided above, that you willingly agree to participate, that you may withdraw your consent at any time and discontinue participation without penalty, that you have received a copy of this form, and that you are not waiving any legal claims, rights or remedies.

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____