

Enhancing the Role of Older Adults in Research and Care Planning

What is the purpose of this project?

- This research project will provide valuable information about the opinions and experiences of adults (age 75 and over). Information from this project will help us learn more about communication and health care decision making for older adults, including suggestions for effective communication with persons that have cognitive impairment.

Who will be involved in this project?

- For this project, the Margaret Blenkner Research Institute of Benjamin Rose will interview approximately 300 adults throughout Northeast Ohio.
- A wide range of individuals will be interviewed for this project, regardless of their physical health and/or memory condition.
- *The only criteria to participate is that you be 75 years of age or older.*

What will my involvement in this project mean?

- Participation will involve two in-person interviews (20-30 minutes each) conducted approximately one week apart by trained interviewers from Benjamin Rose.
- Interviews can take place in your home or another location if you prefer.
- Each respondent will be sent a check for \$25 after completion of their interviews.
- At the end of the project, all participants will receive a report of study findings.

What kind of questions will I be asked?

- In addition to some questions about your general preferences and the kinds of things you do during a typical week, the interviews include questions about:
 - any physical or memory conditions you may have,
 - your preferences for the care you receive now or might need in the future, and
 - your involvement in planning for and making decisions about care.

Who will know about the information I give during the interview?

- All information will be kept completely confidential. The information you give will never be identified individually and data will only be presented in summary form.

Who do I contact for more information about the project?

- If you would like more information about participating in this project, please contact Justin Johnson at (216) 373-1666 (jujohnson@benrose.org).