**CONSENT SCRIPT**

**Title** Examining referral Patterns to Specialized Geriatric Services in a Community Hospital

We, a research team affiliated with St. Mary’s General Hospital staff, are asking emergency department patients aged 65 or older to take part in a study.

The study tests an assessment tool that might help us improve the care we deliver to patients. We are testing it to understand how well we identify patients who may need more access to geriatric services.

The assessment tool will take less than 5 minutes and will ask you two (2) to eleven (11) questions about your symptoms, function, mood, and care support.

Forty (40) days from now, we here at St. Mary’s General Hospital will review your hospital chart to see if you were admitted, how long your stay was, if and when you received geriatric services, and if you were discharged home. Only hospital administrative information will be reviewed, not specific details about your care or care providers.

Participation in this study is VOLUNTARY.

* You can decide not to answer any questions.
* You change your mind at any time and stop at any time.

Participation in this study is SAFE.

* Your information is confidential and anonymous.
* Only the study team will be allowed to look at your hospital information within the hospital.
* You will not be contacted again for any reason related to this study.
* Your answers will not be used to make decisions about your care. We will not share your responses with anyone.
* This study follows all of the laws and guidelines that ensure your privacy is protect.

I am happy to answer any of your questions.

If you would like to participate I will leave you with a detailed information sheet.