## **Confidentiality Statement**

Your privacy with respect to the information you disclose during participation in this study will be protected within the limits of the law. However, there are circumstances

where a researcher is required by law to reveal information, usually for the protection of a patient, research participant, or others. A report to the police department or to the appropriate protective agency is required in the following cases:

- 1. if, in the judgment of the researcher, a patient or research participant becomes dangerous to himself or herself or others (or their property), and revealing the information is necessary to prevent the danger;
- 2. if there is suspected child abuse, in other words if a child under 16 has been a victim of a crime or neglect;
- 3. if there is suspected elder abuse, in other words if a woman or man age 60 or older has been victim of a crime or neglect.