Script for explaining the procedure to a human subject participant

(EXAMPLE, may be customized for each research study)

Introduction

Hello, my name is ________________ and I am a researcher at _________ facility. What is your name? (Researcher checks first and last name against the signed consent form) I am trained to take blood for laboratory tests and I have experience in taking blood. I will introduce a small needle into your vein and gently draw some blood for ________ tests. (Tell the participant the specific amount of blood to be drawn). Then I will label them with your name and contact details and send them to the research laboratory. Do you have any questions? Did you understand what I explained to you? Are you willing to have your blood drawn as a participant in this research study?

Please sit down and make yourself comfortable

Now, I will ask you a few questions so that both of us feel comfortable about the procedure.

• Have you ever had blood taken before?
• (If yes) How did it feel? How long ago was that?
• Are you scared of needles?
• Are you allergic to anything? (Ask specifically about latex, povidone iodine, tape.)
• Have you ever fainted when your blood was drawn?
• Have you eaten or drunk anything in the past two hours?
• How are you feeling at the moment?

Shall we start? If you feel unwell or uncomfortable, please let me know at once.

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