

Information Sheet

Study Title: Black Birth Equity: Maternity Optimization in Massachusetts (BE A MOM)



You are being asked to take part in a research study being conducted by lead principal investigator Dr. Ndidiamaka Amutah-Onukagha from Tufts University because you identify as Black or African American, and you have given birth in the last 7 - 16 weeks.

If you choose to be in the study, you will complete a survey. This survey will help us learn more about your perspectives on disparities in birth outcomes, your birthing experience at a Massachusetts hospital and feedback on proposed solutions to address this gap as it relates to Black birthing people. Within the survey your permission will be needed to link your name and date of delivery to your medical record and/or your information related to your delivery and the health of your baby from Birth Sisters or Accompany Doula Care. The survey will take you about 60 minutes.

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary and will not affect your standing as a patient. You can skip questions that you do not want to answer or stop the survey at any time.

There is a risk of loss of confidentiality; in order to minimize this risk your answers will be labeled with a code and kept separate from your separate information. Neither your answers nor your personal information will be shared with anyone outside the research team.

If you participate in this research, the study team may disclose the health information related to your delivery and the health of your baby collected as part of this research to the following persons and organizations for their use in connection with the research study:

- Individuals or organizations working under the direction of the Principal Investigator(s) for the study,
- Other researchers and institutions that are conducting or participating in this study,
- Outside individuals or entities that have a need to access this information to perform activities relating to the conduct of this research, on behalf of the PI,
- The Office for Human Research Protections in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other federal and state agencies that have the right to use the information as required by law, and
- The members and staff of any Institutional Review Board (IRB) that oversee this study.

There are no direct benefits to you in participating in this study.

You will be compensated with a \$25 Target gift card for your participation.

This study has been reviewed by the Tufts Health Sciences Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Questions? Please contact the study project manager, Judith Jeanty, at Beamomstudy@tufts.edu