**Exercises to Improve Written Communication**

1. **Write these statements in using active voice**

You will be asked to measure and record your weight every day.

A Medicaid application can be obtained by contacting your local County Department of Job and Family Services.

1. **Write this sentence using plainer – to the point language**

In order to draw statistical conclusions about the study, data from your medical records may be shared among researchers and research staff involved in the study, both here at our hospital and with other members of the collaborative group.

**3 Can you improve this informed consent statement**

**Purpose of Study:**

 This is a research study. You are being asked to participate in this study because you have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). One of the main problems with COPD is that is causes people to be short of breath with exercise. It also is a disorder that causes increased inflammation in the body. The treatments of COPD are relatively limited, and new medications are needed to improve the ability to exercise. Inhaled iloprost is an inhaled nebulized (a medication delivered through a mist into the lungs) medicine Federal Drug Association (FDA)-approved for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (high blood pressure in the lungs). It is not approved for use in COPD, and its use in these patients should be considered experimental. Using inhaled iloprost may reduce the volumes of air in your lungs during exercise, which may help you breathe better. It may also reduce the amount of inflammation in the body.