

Toolkit Template:

Consent form checklist

Items

Yes No

Is the general purpose of the study stated, that is what the researcher expects to learn?

Comments:

Is the participant's right to choose indicated?

Comments:

Is there a statement indicating how a subject was selected as a possible participant? Are the population and number of participants identified?

Comments:

Are the procedures to be followed in the study clearly described (time, frequency, nature of information asked, observations, and so on)?

Comments:

Is there a statement of possible risks, discomforts, or inconveniences that the participants may reasonably expect?

Comments:

Are any substantial or likely benefits to participants identified?

Comments:

Is any standard treatment withheld or alternative procedures disclosed?

Comments:

Is participant confidentiality explained (eg, use of tapes, photos, data)?

Comments:

Are participants' compensation and costs of taking part explained?

Comments:

Is where the participant can contact the researcher to have questions answered indicated?

Comments:

Is the participant's right to a written copy of the consent form stated?

Comments:

Is there a statement that expresses that the individual's signature indicates a willingness to participate?

Comments:

Are appropriate signatures and date spaces included?

Comments:

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