

Guide to Consent Script

The consent script should include the following items:

1. State the name and contact information of the investigator(s).
2. Inform the participants of the purpose of the research including any sensitive types of information to be collected (e.g., sexual orientation or behaviors, drug use, etc.)
3. Explain the study procedures. This text must be included “To participate in this study you must meet the requirements of both the inclusion and exclusion criteria.” If parts of the study will be audio or video recorded, that must be stated in the consent.
4. Inform the participants of any risk involved in the study
5. Inform the participants of their right to refuse. The text could read: “Subjects may choose not to participate or to withdraw from the study at any time without penalty or loss of any benefit to which they might otherwise be entitled.”
6. Inform the participants of the procedures by which and the extent to which their privacy will be protected.
7. For online surveys and questionnaires this text must be included: “By continuing this survey, you are giving consent to participate in this study.”
8. This text must be included: “This study has been approved by the LSU IRB. For questions concerning participant rights, please contact the IRB Chair, Dr. Dennis Landin, 578-8692, or irb@lsu.edu.”

Please contact us if you have
questions about this guide.

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