Informed Consent Strategy and Documents

Obtaining consent of research participants

Consent must be **free**, **informed**, and **ongoing** throughout the entire research process.

Participants must be informed about

Study's goal	Procedures (what is expected of participants)	Risks and Benefits	Compensation	Withdrawal process and timeline
Confidentiality	Conflicts of interests	Dissemination	Contact information	How data will be collected, stored, and used

Disclosing study details:

- Whether participants may be identified directly or indirectly
- Whether the researcher plan to photograph or audio/video record participants
  - explain why this is necessary
  - ask participants to explicitly agree
- Whether future contact is expected/needed
  - ask participants to explicitly agree
- Whether there are any limitations to confidentiality

Seeking consent:

- Adapt CUREB's consent template to the specifics of your study
- Use the default signed/e-signed consent
  - justify using **online** or **implied consent**
  - use **oral consent** when signing a form might be risky to participants
- Consider using separate consent forms for different participant groups
- Seek consent at every stage in multi-phase studies
- Prepare parent/guardian consent and age-appropriate assent script when working with children

Seeking Re-Consent: include a re-consent form if your study involves deception/partial disclosure. The re-consent should happen after participants are presented with a debriefing document

- explain the rationale for the deception and why it was necessary
- clarify the true study's purpose and correct any information previously withheld
- provide contact information or the research team and CUREB
- include support services if the deception causes emotional distress