



# IRB 360 NEWSLETTER

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## NEW IRB GUIDES

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### Verbal Consent in Research

Are you conducting interviews as part of your research? In certain situations, verbal consent may be used as an alternative to written consent. But how should verbal consent be conducted? What should you specifically mention when obtaining verbal consent?

Refer to our new **Oral Consent Script (OCS)** that clearly outlines a study's purpose, procedures, risks, benefits, and participant rights in plain, accessible language.

[Click here for more details on our new Verbal Consent Guidelines](#)

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### How to Protect Confidentiality when publishing

Maintaining participant and institutional confidentiality is a key responsibility when publishing your research findings. But how should you protect identities of individuals if you need to mention a quote provided by a specific participant, or to protect identities of institutions if you need to mention where your study was being conducted?

[Click here to view the guidelines with examples provided for researchers to use.](#)



## IRB SEMINARS 2025

As part of the **NTU Trust in Research festival**, NTU-IRB is organising **2 new workshops**.

First to focus on the **pre-approval** aspects of IRB applications, followed by the **post-approval** interactions and interventions of your research participants.

As trust is the cornerstone of any research involving people, these 2 workshops will focus on:

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***Developing your research protocols for smoother IRB applications***

2

***Conducting research procedures on participants ethically***

We will showcase **real** IRB applications and presentations of **actual** research procedures by study teams.

[Click here for more info](#)

NTU FESTIVAL ON  
**Trust in Research**

20 MAY - 29 MAY 2025



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