**HOW TO USE THE STANDARD CONSENT TEMPLATE:**

Using the Standard Consent Template will ensure that the basic elements of informed consent are included in your document, and includes the “Key Information” section required for more complex and/or greater than minimal risk research studies.

When to consider using the Standard Consent Template:

1. Your study is greater than minimal risk.
2. Your consent will be 3 pages or more in length.
3. Your study involves multiple procedures.
4. Your study is a clinical trial.
5. Your study is already approved and the Standard Consent format is more appropriate than the Bulleted Consent format.

The informed consent must be written at an 8th grade reading level and presented in lay language.

Instructions are marked in [shaded brackets]. Additional language to be used if applicable (for example, an intervention or a study funded by the FDA) are marked in [*italicized, shaded brackets*].

**All plain text without shading should be included in your consent document without modification.**

There may be additional elements that should be included based on your study design, research population, or funding. You can find [additional consent language](https://www.brown.edu/research/conducting-research-brown/research-compliance-irb-iacuc-coi-export-control/irb/forms#Consents), with definitions and examples of when/why they may be appropriate, by visiting the HRPP [website](https://www.brown.edu/research/conducting-research-brown/research-compliance-irb-iacuc-coi-export-control/irb/forms-and-policies#Consents).