



# HRPP Notes

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## Informed Consent: Short Form

What is a Short Form?

- It's an alternative to the standard written consent form
- It's for subjects who do not speak English

What are the short form process pieces?

- Oral presentation of the informed consent form
  - must be in a language understandable to the subject
  - must be done in front of a witness
- Written summary of the oral presentation
  - the IRB-approved English language informed consent document may serve as the summary
- Short form written consent document
  - stating that the elements of informed consent have been presented orally to the subject or the subject's legally authorized representative



Who is involved with the short form process?

- The Researcher
- The Subject
- The Legally Authorized Representative
  - May not need this in every case
- The Witness
- The interpreter
  - Use a MMC certified interpreter



Who may witness it?

- The witness must be fluent in English and the language of the subject
- Can be a family member of the subject
- Can not be the person obtaining the consent