

REDCap eConsent Webinar FAQs

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Q: What do you do to get the signed consent back to you so you can sign it? Also sending the participant the consent with both signatures?

A: You can either log in and look for completed participant consents, or set up an alert to notify your team a completed participant consent has been submitted. The final PDF document will have both signatures - this is the purpose in the module, it merges the instruments into one complete consent document.

Q: Why do the participant signature and study team signature have to be separate forms?

A: Because the participant portion is completed as a survey, the study team portion has to be completed separately in order for both parties to certify their signatures.

Q: Is time automatically captured with signature? Or does consent need to include a line for time to be entered by the participant?

A: The time field can be set up to automatically populate with the current date and time, or you can have the participant enter it manually.

Q: Could you share a copy of your project so that it will be easier for us to learn to create our own?

A: We have a demo project for anyone who wants to take a closer look at the setup. Send us a message at hs.appsupport@pitt.edu and we'll get you added to it.

Q: In what circumstances would impartial witness be required?

A: This requirement is entirely based on funder requirements. Some OSPARS studies require an impartial witness for eConsent.

Q: When there is a new consent do you disable the original consent?

A: Typically, we use branching logic to display only the most recent consent form when a new form is opened. The version of your consent that was saved to the PDF file will not change when the consent form is updated unless you reconsent your subject.

Q: How would you handle assent for pediatric patients? Especially if they do not have their own email address separate from parents.

A: We can add child information and an assent signature area and have all three – the pediatric assent, the parental consent, and the study team consent form all combined into the final completed consent PDF.

Q: I'm new to Redcap, what are the differences between smart variables, action variables, etc?

A: Smart variables allow you to reference information other than data fields (like event names or instrument names).

Action tags are for adding question-specific functionality, such as hiding options in a multiple choice question or make a field uneditable.

Special functions are generally mathematical elements - age calculations, exponents, standard deviations. There are also special functions that can be used to pull out specific piece of a date field (just the year, just the month), or two concatenate multiple pieces of data or find and replace text.