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

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

When to consider using the Bulleted Consent Template:

1. Your study is minimal risk.
2. Your Standard Consent is only 1-2 pages in length.
3. You want a consent process for eligibility screening.
4. You will consent participants online or verbally (by phone or in person).
5. Your study is already approved and the Bulleted Consent format is more appropriate than the Standard 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 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).