**Informed Consent of Subjects Who Do Not Speak English**

Federal regulations for the protection of human subjects require that informed consent information be presented "in language understandable to the subject" and, in most situations, that informed consent be documented in writing. Subjects who do not speak English should be presented with a consent document written in a language understandable to them.

Alternatively, federal regulations permit oral presentation of informed consent information in conjunction with a short form written consent document (stating that the elements of consent have been presented orally) and a written summary of what is presented orally (usually the existing English version of the ICF). A witness to the oral presentation is required, and the subject must be given copies of the short form document and the written summary.

The policy *HRPP 7.5: Research Involving Non-English Speaking Subjects* has been revised. In addition to the policy revisions, the guidance document *Guidance for Short Form Consent* has also been updated to assist researchers gain a better understanding of the process to use when enrolling non-English-speaking participants.

Please see revised policy: HRPP 7.5: Research Involving Non-English Speaking Subjects

<https://musc.policytech.com/dotNet/documents/?docid=13050&public=true>

The updated *Guidance for Short Form Consent* is located on the IRB website at the below link:

<https://research.musc.edu/resources/ori/irb/forms>