

Consent form for research subjects – suggestions and guidance

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<https://www.su.se/staff/researchers/research-ethics/how-to-inform-research-subjects-and-ask-for-their-consent-1.501340>

About this document

This document can be used as a template for the form to be used when asking potential research subjects for their consent.

When persons are asked to consent, they must be informed. They are typically informed by being given an information sheet in addition to oral information and the opportunity to ask questions. Research subjects keep the information sheet and a copy of the consent form. Researchers keep the signed consent form.

The research subject must be given the opportunity to consent separately to:

- participation in the study
- the processing of personal data (if consent is the legal basis for any part of the processing of personal data)
- the storing of any samples in a biobank

If it is compatible with the purpose and setup of the study/project, it should also be possible to consent separately to different kinds of personal data processing within the study/project. Different types of personal data processing may require different legal bases and it is not always appropriate or possible to process personal data based on consent (see information on the webpage linked to in the header of this document).

Note that the Swedish Ethical Review Authority also provides templates (in Swedish) for information sheets and consent forms, which are advisable to consult for research requiring ethical review. See etikprovningsmyndigheten.se.

Suggested wording

Consent to participating in the research project [enter project title]

I have read and understood the information about the study in the document "[Enter name and version of Information sheet]". I have been given the opportunity to ask questions and I have had them answered. I may keep the written information.

☒ I consent to participating in the study described in the document "[Enter name and version of Information sheet]"

☒ I consent to the processing of my personal data as described in the document "[Enter name and version of Information sheet]"

☒ I consent to my samples being saved in a biobank as described in the document "[Enter name and version of Information sheet]"

Place and date

24/5/25

Signature and clarification of signature

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