Informed Consent for Exempt Studies Policy

Formal written informed consent is not required for research determined to be exempt from HREB review. The HREB believes that due to the Belmont principle of Respect for Persons participants should be given the opportunity to choose whether or not to participate in research. For this reason, voluntary informed consent should be obtained from participants for any exempt research where the investigator will be collecting data through interaction with the participant. Because formal written consent is not required for studies confirmed as meeting the criteria for exempt review, there is greater flexibility in the informed consent process.

The SUNY New Paltz HREB expects that researchers provide participants with consent information that includes, at a minimum:

1. A statement that they are being asked to participate in a research and participation is voluntary.
2. The identity and affiliation of the researcher.
3. A summary of the research, including: purpose, duration, and procedures.
4. A brief statement how investigator will maintain privacy and confidentiality
5. A statement about how data will be used in the future
6. Information on reasonable, foreseeable risks or discomforts.
7. Information on reasonable, expected benefits.
8. Contact information for questions and concerns about the research.
9. Describe how to access and complete or submit the survey