

Consent Coercion Incentives

1. Are recruitment procedures designed to assure that informed consent is freely given?
2. What special safeguards are included to protect the rights and welfare of subjects who are likely to be vulnerable to coercion or undue influence (*e.g.*, children, prisoners, pregnant women, persons with physical or mental illness, and persons who are economically or educationally disadvantaged)?
3. Does the nature of the disease or behavioral issue to be studied permit free consent?
4. Are any incentives offered for participation likely to unduly influence a prospective subject's decision to participate?
5. Is there an adequate procedure for monitoring the consent process, and should the IRB or its representative observe the process?

Are all conditions in keeping with standards for voluntary and informed consent?

2. Are the incentives offered reasonable, based upon the complexities and inconveniences of the study and the particular subject population?
3. Are there special standards that the IRB ought to apply to the review of research in which volunteers are asked to assume significant risk?
4. Should the IRB monitor subject recruitment to determine whether coercion or undue influence is a problem?