

OFFICE OF HUMAN RESEARCH PROTECTION PROGRAMME  
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14e. ADDRESSING COMMON ERRORS IN THE  
DSRB ROAM APPLICATION FORM  
SECTION J – RECRUITMENT METHOD  
*POPULATION HEALTH (DOMAIN F)*

*Reference:*

*NHG ROAM – Online DSRB Application Form Guidebook for Population  
Health Study*

*NHG Group Research*

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# Recruitment Method

## Section J1: How will potential research participants be identified? (Select all the applicable options)

### J1 How will potential research participants be identified?\*

- Referral by attending healthcare professional
- Persons with dependent relationship with study team (e.g. doctor-patient, employee-employer, head-subordinate, student-teacher, departmental staff relationship)

Please describe how the study team will manage the dependent relationship to prevent coercion or undue influence.\*

### Common issue:

Brief description was provided on how study team members managed the doctor-patient dependent relationship, to prevent coercion or undue influence.

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- Explain the nature of the dependent relationship.
- Describe how study team members will manage this dependent relationship to avoid coercion or undue influence.

Describe measures to prevent undue influence. Suggested measures may include:

- Consent to be taken by another study team member who is not the patient's primary doctor;
- Giving subjects adequate time to consider participation;
- Giving subjects opportunity to ask questions;
- Ensuring that subject is still accorded full medical care if he / she refuses to participate or withdraws from study.

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**Section J2(v): Please indicate the length of time of the research participants' direct involvement in the study (e.g. for completion of surveys, focus group discussion, taste evaluation, clinical visits, examinations, etc. where applicable).**

**The common error:** The number of study visits involved and duration (time) for each visit not indicated.

Instead, indicate the duration which the research participants will be spending in your study (i.e. 10-15min to complete the survey).

**To determine if the participant's duration of involvement is reasonable.**

## Questions?

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