

**SUMMARY OF UPDATES TO THE NHG DSRB ASSENT FORM TEMPLATE (14 Feb 2022)**

*The latest update to the NHG DSRB Assent Form Template (Version 2, dated 14 Feb 2022) provides further clarifications on when the Assent Form should be used, as well as to include provision for impartial witness which is required if the child/participant is unable to write his/her name and date personally, or if the child/participant is unable to read the Assent Form. Please refer to the table below for more details.*

<b>Page on Assent Form Template</b>	<b>Section of Assent Form Template</b>	<b>Section Title</b>	<b>Change From</b>	<b>Change To</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Page 1	Intro	Nil.	<i>For Children/Participants 6 through 12 years</i>	<p><i>Note: The Assent Form is to be used for children/participants who are 6 years old and above and who lack sufficient understanding and intelligence to provide consent.</i></p> <p><i>For children who are 12 to 20 years old and have sufficient understanding and intelligence to provide consent, their consent should be documented using the same Informed Consent Form as their parent(s)/legal representative.</i></p> <p><i>You may delete the above paragraphs in the final document.</i></p>	Instructions have been added to clarify when the Assent Form should be used.
Page 1	Intro	Principal Investigator's Name	PI Name:	<b>Principal Investigator's Name:</b>	Revised to spell out PI in full.

Pages 1 – 2	NA	ASSENT	<p>_____</p> <p>Child/ Participant Name for Assent</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Child/ Participant Name for Assent</p> <p><b><i>(Name and date to be written personally^ by the child/participant)</i></b></p> <p><b><i>^If the child/participant is unable to write his/her name and/or date personally, he/she can affix his/her thumbprint onto the name field (where possible). An impartial witness is required and should complete the child's/participant's name and/or assent date on the child's/participant's behalf. An impartial witness is also required if the child/participant is unable to read the Assent. The impartial witness should personally sign and date under the "Impartial Witness Information" section below. Please note that the impartial witness should not be a member of the study team.</i></b></p>	<p>Added guidance for what to do if the child/participant is unable to personally write his/her name and/or date in the Assent Form; when impartial witness is required; and what the impartial witness needs to do.</p>
Page 2	NA	IMPARTIAL WITNESS INFORMATION	Nil.	<p><b><i>IMPARTIAL WITNESS INFORMATION</i></b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b><i>Name of Impartial Witness Signature Date</i></b></p>	<p>Added signatory section for impartial witness.</p>

Page 2	NA	DECLARATION BY PERSON CONDUCTING ASSENT DISCUSSION	<p>Check which applies (to be completed by person conducting assent discussion):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The child/ participant is able to read and understand the assent form and has agreed to take part in this study.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The child/ participant is not able to read the assent form, however, the information was explained verbally to the best of the child's/ participant's abilities.</li> </ul>	<p><b>DECLARATION BY PERSON CONDUCTING ASSENT DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>Check which applies (to be completed by person conducting assent discussion):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The child/ participant is able to read and understand the assent form and has agreed to take part in this study.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The child/ participant is not able to read the assent form, however, the information was explained verbally to the best of the child's/ participant's abilities.</li> </ul> <p>_____</p> <p><b>Name of Person Conducting Assent Discussion    Signature    Date</b></p>	Added sub-header and signatory section for the person who is obtaining assent.
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Reference: [www.research.nhg.com.sg](http://www.research.nhg.com.sg) > Resources > Ethics Forms and Templates (207-008: Assent Form Template)