

## Effective Use of Consent Forms and Interactive Questions in the Consent Process

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**Table 1. Proportion of Participants in Individual Studies Who Provided Adequate Responses to the Consent-Related Questions, and Total Scores**

<i>Medication Adherence Treatment for People with Schizophrenia (N = 63)</i>				<i>Light Treatment for Sleep Disorders in Alzheimer Disease (N = 25)</i>			
	<i>Trial 1</i>	<i>Trial 2</i>	<i>Trial 3</i>		<i>Trial 1</i>	<i>Trial 2</i>	<i>Trial 3</i>
Purpose	84	97	100	Voluntary	84	88	88
Procedure	78	94	98	Purpose	84	96	96
Risks	77	97	100	Duration	84	88	92
Benefit	73	90	100	Procedure 1	80	92	96
Voluntary	87	98	100	Procedure 2	76	92	96
Total correct mean SD	4.0 (1.3)	4.7 (0.8)	4.9 (0.5)	Total correct mean SD	4.1 (1.5)	4.6 (1.0)	4.7 (0.9)
% with all five correct	51	84	98	% with all five correct	16	20	21
<i>Cognitive Training in Psychosis (N = 20)</i>				<i>Randomized Clinical Trial for Type II Diabetes (N = 13)</i>			
	<i>Trial 1</i>	<i>Trial 2</i>	<i>Trial 3</i>		<i>Trial 1</i>	<i>Trial 2</i>	<i>Trial 3</i>
Purpose	40	80	100	Purpose	92	100	
Procedure	70	90	100	Procedure 1	69	100	
Risks	55	90	100	Randomization	77	100	
Benefit	45	95	100	Risks	85	100	
Voluntary	100			Voluntary	100		
Total correct mean SD	3.1 (1.4)	4.5 (0.8)	5.0 (0.0)	Total correct mean SD	4.2 (1.2)	5.0 (0.0)	
% with all five correct	25	75	100	% with all five correct	62	100	
<i>Sleep Disorders in PTSD (N = 16)</i>				<i>Blood Proteins in Congestive Heart Failure (N = 6)</i>			
	<i>Trial 1</i>	<i>Trial 2</i>	<i>Trial 3</i>		<i>Trial 1</i>	<i>Trial 2</i>	<i>Trial 3</i>
Purpose	100			Purpose	50	100	
Procedure 1	100			Procedure	67	100	
Procedure 2	88	100		Risks	83	100	
Procedure 3	69	100		Benefit	83	100	
Voluntary	100			Voluntary	100		
Total correct mean SD	4.6 (0.6)	5.0 (0.0)		Total correct mean SD	3.8 (1.5)	5.0 (0.0)	
% with all five correct	63	100		% with all five correct	33	100	
<i>Effects of Exercise in Patients With Osteoarthritis (N = 10)</i>							
	<i>Trial 1</i>	<i>Trial 2</i>	<i>Trial 3</i>				
Purpose	70	90	100				
Voluntary	100						
Duration	100						
Risk	100						
Confidentiality	70	90	100				
Total correct mean SD	4.4 (0.7)	4.8 (0.4)	5.0 (0.0)				
% with all five correct	50	80	100				

Note: The above values represent the proportion of participants being consented for the indicated study, who provided responses indicating adequate comprehension after the initial disclosure (Trial 1), after a reexplanation when needed (Trial 2), and after a second reexplanation when needed (Trial 3), as well as the mean correct across the five questions at each of the three trials.