

PLENARY MODULE • SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Communicating Consent

We've designed this group discussion for you as team members to share, perhaps from prior case experience, ways you've seen of saying yes or no. Each communication may be verbal or non-verbal.

List and Share

1. A way of saying **yes** – a positive signal of invitation
2. A way of saying **no** – a negative signal of hesitation
3. An ambiguous communication that could be a positive or negative signal

After sharing your examples, discuss the following questions:

What factors influence how people communicate consent and non-consent?

What facilitates clear communication about consent?

What inhibits clear communication about consent?

What challenges face investigators in trying to determine whether a Respondent reasonably believed consent had been granted?