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DSRB-012016: Enhancements to the DSRB Application Forms (Biomedical & Population Health Studies)

The DSRB Application Forms (for Biomedical & Population Health studies) have been streamlined to make the questions and options clearer, neater and simpler. This is to provide a user-friendly Application Form for Investigators to apply for DSRB approval.

Changes have been made to enhance:

1. Clarity

Additional help-links have been included at the side of the questions for investigators to understand the purpose of the question and make an accurate/ most appropriate selection. Example: Help links to explain the difference between the different types of research.

Section D - Nature of Research
D1 Please select one category that best describes your research activities.*
 Clinical Trials (which includes Drug, Device and Surgical-Procedure Trials) [*Click here for help](#)
 Questionnaire/ Survey/ Interviews [*Click here for help](#)
 Medical Records Review [*Click here for help](#)
 Clinical Research [*Click here for help](#)

2. Ease

Where 'standard' answers are expected, checkbox selections are now available. This will ease the drafting process for investigators. Example: Instead of filling in a free-text field, investigators can choose to denote whether payment and compensation would come through the national CT insurance policy, sponsor or others.

Section E - Study Funding Information
E1 Who will be responsible for the payment and compensation of injury or illness arising from participation of research participants in the study?*
 National Clinical Trial (CT) Insurance Policy (Contact your institution research office for more information)
 Sponsor
 Others

3. Simplicity

Duplicate questions have been removed. Questions have been re-designed to focus on capturing information critical for ethics review. Example: Instead of informing when the study is expected to start and end, investigators is only required to provide the estimated time required to conduct the study.

F16 What is the estimated time needed to conduct this study?*
No. of Years * No. of Months *

Deployment Date of Enhancements

The enhanced DSRB Application Forms will be available to Investigators from 11 August 2016.

Impact to Investigators w.e.f. 11 August 2016

1. Application Forms which have been submitted and approved before 11 August will not be affected by the deployment.

However, if your application is in draft mode as of 11 August, you will receive a system prompt to update sections and fields impacted by the ROAM deployment before you can submit it for review.

2. If you are submitting an **amendment** for previously approved studies, you may receive a system prompt to update sections and fields impacted by this recent deployment.

Contact for Technical Support

If you have any queries relating to technical difficulties with the ROAM system, please send an email to RESEARCHONLINE@nhg.com.sg containing your Full Name, NRIC/FIN, ADID Username (if applicable), ROAM Username (if applicable), Institution & Department and a brief description of the problem together with a screen-capture of the problem where possible.