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Subject: Consent and IRB for Malawi SPA  
Posted by [SKujawski](#) on Wed, 29 Nov 2017 20:47:01 GMT  
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Hello,

What was the consent procedure for the observations and exit interviews performed in the Malawi SPA 2013-14? I see in the report, there are consent forms for the manager/person in charge and for the health care worker interviews, but not for the exit interviews or labor observations. In addition, which IRBs approved the protocol?

Thank you,  
Stephanie

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Subject: Re: Consent and IRB for Malawi SPA  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Wed, 06 Dec 2017 19:20:46 GMT  
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A response from SPA survey specialist, Dr. Hamdy Moussa:

Quote:

Dear Stephanie,

Informed consent obtained from both the providers and the clients before interviews/observations. The informed consent is standard and includes information on the voluntary nature of their participation, on how data will be kept confidential, and on the right of refusal of the interviewee to continue the interview or to ask the observer to cease the observation. Before observations (antenatal care, family planning, sick children and normal delivery) interviewers read the consent statements to providers. If providers give consent to the observation, observers sign on behalf of providers. Likewise, clients are read the consent statements before observations and before exit interviews and the interviewer signs on their behalf as proof that the consent form was read and that they obtained consent for the observation/exit interview.

Forms attached for all survey tools.

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Regards,

Hamdy

## File Attachments

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1) [02 - 03 - Malawi SPA 2013 - Appendix C.pdf](#), downloaded 891 times

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