

Paper vs. eConsent: A Comparison

	Paper	eConsent
Patient Engagement	Site is responsible for patient understanding the forms they are handed	Patient is engaged in an interactive process through video and Q&A
Fraud Detection	No audit trail and manual file system needed	Complete audit trail for all signatures, initials saved in a secure digital system
IRB Review	Multiple circulating paper copies that vary by IRB and country	Standardized documentation on web portal for IRB review
Version Control & Protocol Amendments	Many patients don't receive	Strict version control with automatic patient delivery and signature notification
Site Monitoring	Monitor travels to site	All data easily accessible via secure web portal
Storage	Numerous binders kept in a storage facility	All data is accessible and backed up on secure web portal
Patient Comprehension	Limited due to language, terminology, extent of documentation	Available in multiple languages via the web from any location
Status of Site Consent Forms	Must call, email, visit site to confirm status of forms	Online summary viewing and reporting of all consent documentation