



# The Protocol Review

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# THE PROTOCOL REVIEW:

How to Read for Both the Big Picture and  
Your Responsibilities in  
Implementing a Study



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# Learning Objectives

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By the end of the session, you will be able to:

- Describe your role as the liaison between the study and the public
- Discuss which components of the protocol are most relevant for study execution by study staff
- Identify components in the protocol that facilitate the creation of study checklists

# Protocols

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- Industry vs grant funded protocols
- For today, focus is on time of implementation; start-up and approvals are completed

# Protocols

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## Why is the protocol important?

- Road map, source of information for study execution.
- The big picture: you are the liaison between the study team and the participants, and between the study and the public.

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# The Why of the Protocol

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## 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND SCIENTIFIC RATIONALE

### 3. OBJECTIVES/STUDY AIMS

- **Primary objective**
  - The primary objective of this study is to evaluate the effect of a dietary supplement, given as an oral tablet, on muscle energetics as measured by a muscle fatigue test in elderly subjects.
- **Secondary objective**
  - The secondary objectives of the study are to assess the safety and tolerability of a single oral dose of the supplement in elderly subjects.

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# The How of the Protocol

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## 4. STUDY DESIGN



"They want us to double check our methodology.  
Your turn to flip."

# The How of the Protocol

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## STUDY DESIGN

- A Phase 2 randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study to evaluate the impact of a dietary supplement on muscle function in the elderly

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# The Who of the Protocol

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# The When, What, and Where

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## 7. STUDY INTERVENTION

## 8. VISIT SCHEDULE AND ASSESSMENTS

### **Assessment specifics**

- Familiarize yourself with these
- Can you experience the assessments yourself?
  - Diaries
  - Questionnaires
  - 6-minute walk test
  - Neurocognitive assessments
  - Procedures: can you observe?

## Schedule of Events

Parameters	Screening	Baseline Visit 1 <sup>a</sup>	Visit 2 (Day 21)	Visit 3 (Day 60)
Informed consent	X			
Pulmonary Function Tests	X			X
6 minute walk test	X			X
Inclusion and exclusion criteria	X			
Medical history	X			
Physical examination	X			X
Height and Weight	X			X
Laboratory – CBC, chemistry panel	X			X
Laboratory – serum biomarkers <sup>b</sup>		X	X	X
Laboratory – liver function tests		X		X
ECG	X			X
Vital Signs <sup>c</sup>	X	X	X	X
Study Product Dispensed		X	X	
Peak Flow Meter <sup>d</sup>	X	X	X	X
Review Exercise Diary		X	X	X
Quality of Life Questionnaires		X		X
Concomitant Medications	X	X	X	X
Adverse Events		X	X	X

<sup>a</sup> Should occur no more than 14 days after screening visit

<sup>b</sup> Participant should be fasting

<sup>c</sup> To include heart rate, blood pressure, temperature, and respiratory rate

<sup>d</sup> Peak flow meter dispensed at screening visit for home use; reviewed at study visits

# The When, What, and Where

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## **Labs and specimen processing**

- Lab medicine vs research testing service (RTS)
- Watch out for aggregate labs
  - Comprehensive metabolic panel

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# Safety

## 9. ASSESSMENT OF SAFETY

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Reporting requirements

- To whom
- By when
- Requirements vary



"So I guess this probably counts as an adverse event."

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# Appendices

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## 13. APPENDICES

- Schedule of events
  - Footnotes!
- Lab manual
  - Processing times

# Participant Visits

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What, who, when, and where?

Mental run-through; think it through.

Where do you start?

- Checklists
- Participant binders
- Equipment, questionnaires, study assessments

# Participant Visits

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## Traveling kit

- Checklists
- Protocol
- Schedule of events
- Extra consent forms
- Post-its and pens
- Assessments/questionnaires
- Lab manual

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# Increase Study Success Through Integration of Team Science

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