

Implementation of the ARPANSA Statement

Current issue

Radiation risk statement in Participant Information and Consent Form (PICF)

Advice

There should not be any statements about radiation risks in any section of the PICF. Occasionally, there are general statements about the risks of radiation in sections of the PICF other than the 'Risks' section. These statements are not taken from the RSO report and are nebulous statements such as "the risk is minimal" and occur in for example, the description of the procedures that participants will undergo ('Section 3 of the PICF).

Suggested wording to advise applicants re the PICF radiation risk statement

***Master PICF** - do not insert risk wording for ionising radiation taken from the Medical Physicist's report or equivalent, considered by the reviewing HREC.*

Leave blank so that each site can insert their specific risk statement in accordance with the Medical Physicist's report for their site.

There should not be any other statements about radiation risks in any section of the PICF.

***Site-specific PICF** – sites should insert a site-specific risk statement for ionising radiation in accordance with the Medical Physicist's report for their site and submit to the site Research Governance Officer for authorisation.*