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PROHIBITION ON NRIC NUMBER COLLECTION

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NRIC numbers (full or partial) must not be collected or used for identification / verification in research studies.

Collect only when necessary for **high-fidelity identity verification** to prevent:

- Significant safety or security risks; or
- Risk of significant impact or harm to an individual or to the organisation

Examples:



A) Research involving medical or clinical procedures

Accurate participant identification is needed for participant safety, treatment, or follow-up during medical or clinical procedures.



B) Linking of data with official records

Accurate matching to healthcare, government, administrative, or other official registries/datasets is necessary and other alternatives are not suitable.

Use these alternatives instead

1

Full Name

2

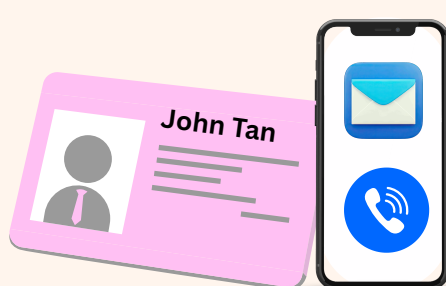
Matriculation number

3

Visual Verification of Photo ID

4

Email Address/ Phone Number



Important Note:

- Stop any ongoing collection of NRIC numbers (full or partial).
- Collect only where exceptions apply.
- Existing NRIC records should be appropriately managed.

Read more on the Prohibition Against Collection of NRIC Numbers Guide Page



REQUIREMENT FOR ELIGIBILITY SCREENING



Before the Study

- Screen all participants for eligibility **before** any study procedures.



Process & Documentation

- Record outcomes of eligibility screening in a **Screening and Enrolment Log**.



Important Note

- If an intervention is necessary to determine eligibility → Informed consent should be obtained first.
- Participants are considered “Recruited” after consent is obtained. “Withdraw” participants if they fail the screening thereafter.

Read more on the Eligibility Screening Guide Page



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