Informed Consent: Teach-Back Tool for Investigators

One way to introduce the assessment of comprehension is to say something like: “Asking you these questions helps me know if I am doing a good of a job of explaining this research.”

These are questions you can use to assess subject comprehension. Use as many or as few as you feel are necessary, and fold them into your existing consent process.

• What is the research about?
• Why are you eligible for it?
• What will be done in the research study?
• How is being part of the research different than other care you might get?
• What good things might happen?
• What bad things might happen?
• What will the research cost?
• How much time will the research take?
• Who can you call if there is a problem with the research?
• What happens if you say no?
• What if you say “yes” then decide you want to quit?