

# Define participant profile and create screener

## Instructions

### What

Defining the participant profile is an important early step when setting up an experiment. Outlining your participant criteria and recruiting against it will help you learn what you set out to learn.

As well as defining which characteristics you would like your experiment participant to have, it is also useful to define any characteristics that would render someone unsuitable. Example characteristics that would make someone unsuitable could be; taking long-term medication or under the age of 18.

### How

Use your participant profile to create a screener survey that potential participants can fill out. The survey can be delivered via an online form, face-to-face or on paper.

### Popular online survey tools

Google forms - <https://www.google.com/forms/>

SurveyMonkey - <http://surveymonkey.com>

Typeform - <https://www.typeform.com>

Always include knockout questions first when screening for suitability, so that you do not waste respondent's time. Additionally, include the study dates so that the potential participants can confirm if they will be available before deciding if they would like to participate.

# Define participant profile and create screener template

<b>Number of participants required</b>

<b>Participant profile</b>	
<b>Include</b>	<b>Not include</b>
<b>High priority requirements:</b>          <b>Other requirements:</b>	

## Study dates

## Screeener questions

Example:

1. Do you ever have trouble remembering to complete a course of short-term medication (e.g. antibiotics) when your doctor prescribes them to you?
  - **Yes, always**
  - **Yes, often**
  - **Yes, sometimes**
  - No [thank them for their time and terminate survey]
2. How old are you?
  - Under 18 [thank them for their time and terminate survey]
  - **18-24**
  - **25-34**
  - **35-44**
  - **45-54**
  - **55-64**
  - **65-74**
  - 75 or older [thank them for their time and terminate survey]
3. Are you classed as vulnerable? (examples:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vulnerable\\_adult](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vulnerable_adult))
  - Yes [thank them for their time and terminate survey]
  - **No**
4. Do you own and use a mobile phone/carry one with you daily?
  - **Yes**
  - No [thank them for their time and terminate survey]
5. Do you take any long-term medication?
  - Yes [thank them for their time and terminate survey]
  - **No**
6. Are you available to participate in a study about medication adherence between [dates] and [dates]?
  - **Yes**
  - No [thank them for their time and terminate survey]
7. What is your gender?
  - **Male [recruit at least 5]**
  - **Female [recruit at least 5]**

8. What is your first name?
9. What is your email address?

## Confirmation message

### All Eligible Participants Once Screened:

Thank you for taking the time to fill in the survey.

You qualify to participate in the study.

Further information will be sent to you via email within the next 24 hours. If you would like to take part in the study, then please reply to the email attaching the signed consent form.

## Criteria

Example:

- Recruit a 50/50 split of males to females
- Recruit participants from different age groups

## Recruitment methods and dates