## **Questionnaire on UNAIDS guidelines**

Hello. The following questionnaire will ask you about ethical standards extracted from UNAIDS-WHO (2007) *Ethical considerations in biomedical HIV prevention trials* and UNAIDS-AVAC (2007) *Good participatory practice guidelines for biomedical HIV prevention trials*. The first 10 standards are about prevention and the rest are about care.

Before you begin, please indicate the stakeholder group to which you belong by marking with an X

Site staff member
CAB member
REC member
Regulatory member
Sponsor
Other (please specify)

You may worry that we are testing how much you know about ethical standards. This is not the case. Rather, we hope to identify those areas where ethical standards may have to be clarified, disseminated better, or even changed.

For each ethical standard you will be asked to rate five things:

- How familiar you are with the ethical standard
- How easy you think it is to understand the ethical standard
- How easy you think it is or will be to implement the ethical standard
- How much the ethical standard protects participants
- How strongly you agree with the ethical standard

The relevant ethical standards are written in the left-hand column.

Next to each ethical standard are five rating boxes. Please carefully read the ethical standard and then choose a number between 1 and 5 for each of the five ratings before moving on to the next ethical standard.

## For example:

Trial participants should be treated with respect.	5 I am very familiar ethical standard	with this 5 This ethical standers are easy to understand		1 is very 5 This ethical standar protects trial partic	
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Trial participants should get access to all state of the art HIV prevention services.	5 I am very familiar with this ethical standard	5 This ethical standard is very easy to understand 3	5 This ethical standard is very easy to implement	5 This ethical standard greatly protects trial participants 3	5 I strongly agree with this ethical standard
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2. New prevention methods should be added to the prevention package as they are validated or approved by relevant authorities.	5   I am very familiar with this ethical standard   3   2   I am not at all familiar with this ethical standard	5 This ethical standard is very easy to understand 3 2 This ethical standard is very	5 This ethical standard is very easy to implement 3 2 This ethical standard is very	5 This ethical standard greatly protects trial participants 3 2 This ethical standard minimally	5   I strongly agree with this ethical standard   3   2   I strongly disagree with this
3. New prevention methods should be added to the prevention package based on consultation among all stakeholders.	1 this ethical standard  5 I am very familiar with this ethical standard  3 I am not at all familiar with this ethical standard	1 hard to understand  5 This ethical standard is very easy to understand  3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to understand	1 hard to implement  5 This ethical standard is very easy to implement  3 This ethical standard is very hard to implement	1 protects trial participants  5 This ethical standard greatly protects trial participants  3 2 This ethical standard minimally protects trial participants	1 ethical standard  5 I strongly agree with this ethical standard  3 2 I strongly disagree with this ethical standard
4. The protocol should describe how stakeholders will negotiate adding new methods to the risk reduction package.	5   I am very familiar with this ethical standard   3   2   I am not at all familiar with this ethical standard	5 This ethical standard is very easy to understand 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to understand	5 This ethical standard is very easy to implement  3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to implement	5 This ethical standard greatly protects trial participants 3 2 This ethical standard minimally protects trial participants	5   I strongly agree with this ethical standard 3   2   I strongly disagree with this ethical standard
5. Trials should not be conducted when agreements have not been reached among all stakeholders regarding the standard of prevention.	5   I am very familiar with this ethical standard   3   2   I am not at all familiar with this ethical standard	5 This ethical standard is very easy to understand 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to understand	5 This ethical standard is very easy to implement  3 This ethical standard is very hard to implement	5 This ethical standard greatly protects trial participants 3 2 This ethical standard minimally protects trial participants	5   I strongly agree with this ethical standard  3   2   I strongly disagree with this ethical standard
6. Communities should be meaningfully involved in determining the type, scope, and duration of HIV prevention services that will be available to participants and communities.	5   I am very familiar with this ethical standard   3   2   I am not at all familiar with this ethical standard	5 This ethical standard is very easy to understand 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to understand	5 This ethical standard is very easy to implement  3  2 This ethical standard is very hard to implement	5 This ethical standard greatly protects trial participants 3 2 This ethical standard minimally protects trial participants	5   I strongly agree with this ethical standard   3   2   I strongly disagree with this ethical standard
7. The provision of risk reduction interventions should be monitored.	5   I am very familiar with this ethical standard 3   2   I am not at all familiar with this ethical standard	5 This ethical standard is very easy to understand 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to understand	5 This ethical standard is very easy to implement 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to implement	5 This ethical standard greatly protects trial participants 3 2 This ethical standard minimally protects trial participants	5   I strongly agree with this ethical standard 3   2   I strongly disagree with this ethical standard

8. Stakeholders should discuss disseminating results about how the standard of prevention was implemented in the trial.	5   I am very familiar with this ethical standard 3   2   I am not at all familiar with this ethical standard	5 This ethical standard is very easy to understand 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to understand	5 This ethical standard is very easy to implement  3  2 This ethical standard is very hard to implement	5 This ethical standard greatly protects trial participants  3 2 This ethical standard minimally protects trial participants	5   I strongly agree with this ethical standard   3   2   I strongly disagree with this ethical standard
9. Researchers and trial sponsors should collaborate with government to strengthen capacity to deliver HIV prevention services.	5 I am very familiar with this ethical standard 3 2 I am not at all familiar with this ethical standard	5 This ethical standard is very easy to understand 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to understand	5 This ethical standard is very easy to implement 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to implement	5 This ethical standard greatly protects trial participants 3 2 This ethical standard minimally protects trial participants	5   I strongly agree with this ethical standard   3   2   I strongly disagree with this ethical standard
10. In the informed consent process, trial participants should be told what HIV prevention services they will receive.	5   I am very familiar with this ethical standard  3   2   I am not at all familiar with this ethical standard	5 This ethical standard is very easy to understand 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to understand	5 This ethical standard is very easy to implement 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to implement	5 This ethical standard greatly protects trial participants 3 2 This ethical standard minimally protects trial participants	5   I strongly agree with this ethical standard 3   2   I strongly disagree with this ethical standard
11. Trial participants should get access to optimal care and treatment for HIV infection, including ART.	5   I am very familiar with this ethical standard   3   2   I am not at all familiar with this ethical standard	5 This ethical standard is very easy to understand 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to understand	5 This ethical standard is very easy to implement 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to implement	5 This ethical standard greatly protects trial participants  3 2 This ethical standard minimally protects trial participants	5   I strongly agree with this ethical standard   3   2   I strongly disagree with this ethical standard
12. Trials should not be conducted when agreements have not been reached among all stakeholders regarding access to care and treatment.	5 I am very familiar with this ethical standard 3 I am not at all familiar with this ethical standard	5 This ethical standard is very easy to understand 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to understand	5 This ethical standard is very easy to implement 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to implement	5 This ethical standard greatly protects trial participants 3 2 This ethical standard minimally protects trial participants	5   I strongly agree with this ethical standard   3   2   I strongly disagree with this ethical standard
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14. Agreements on who will finance, deliver and monitor care and treatment should be documented.	5   I am very familiar with this ethical standard 3   2   I am not at all familiar with this ethical standard	5 This ethical standard is very easy to understand 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to understand	5 This ethical standard is very easy to implement 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to implement	5 This ethical standard greatly protects trial participants  3 2 This ethical standard minimally protects trial participants	5   I strongly agree with this ethical standard 3   2   I strongly disagree with this ethical standard

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18. Trials should only take place in communities where participants will have ongoing access to psychosocial services and legal support.	5 I am very familiar with this ethical standard 3 2 I am not at all familiar with this ethical standard	5 This ethical standard is very easy to understand 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to understand	5 This ethical standard is very easy to implement  3  2 This ethical standard is very hard to implement	5 This ethical standard greatly protects trial participants  3 2 This ethical standard minimally protects trial participants	5   I strongly agree with this ethical standard 3   2   I strongly disagree with this ethical standard
19. Trials should help to develop HIV care services within the host country.	5 I am very familiar with this ethical standard 3 2 I am not at all familiar with	5 This ethical standard is very easy to understand 3 2 This ethical standard is very	5 This ethical standard is very easy to implement 3 2 This ethical standard is very	5 This ethical standard greatly protects trial participants 3 2 This ethical standard minimally	5 I strongly agree with this ethical standard 3 2 I strongly disagree with this
20. Care approaches, and their successes and failures, should be carefully documented.	1 this ethical standard 5 I am very familiar with this 4 ethical standard 3 2 I am not at all familiar with this ethical standard	1 hard to understand 5 This ethical standard is very easy to understand 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to understand	1 hard to implement 5 This ethical standard is very easy to implement 3 2 This ethical standard is very hard to implement	1 protects trial participants 5 This ethical standard greatly protects trial participants 3 2 This ethical standard minimally protects trial participants	1 ethical standard 5 I strongly agree with this ethical standard 3 2 I strongly disagree with this ethical standard

21. Do you have any comments or thoughts about the ethical standards listed in this questionnaire?
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22. To what extent do you think that HIV vaccine trial sites in South Africa are able to meet these standards?

23. Please indicate whether you measures:	think it is essential o	or not that South African HIV vaccine trial part	icipants get access to the following preventative
A. Male condoms	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential	
B. Female condoms	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential	
C. Risk reduction counselling	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential	
D. Sterile injecting equipment	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential	
E. Treatment of STIs	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential	
F. Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential	
G. Male circumcision	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential	
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Preventative measures (including th listed above) that you think sho NOT be provi	ould		

24. Please indicate whether you think it is essential	or not that S	South African HIV vaccine trial participants get access to the following care services:
A. Positive prevention counselling	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential
B. Social support	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential
C. TB prevention and treatment	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential
D. Opportunistic infection prevention and treatment	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential
E. STI treatment	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential
F. Nutrition	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential
G. Testing of CD4 counts/ viral loads	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential
H. Antiretroviral therapy (ART)	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential
I. Palliative care	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential
J. Home-based care	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential
K. Reproductive health care for pregnancy and childbirth	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential
L. Prevention of mother to child transmission (pMTCT)	Essential	Nice-to-have but not essential
If funds were limited, which FIVE of the above care services would you prioritize (A, B, C, D, etc.)?  Other care measures that you consider		
ESSENTIAL to provide to participants		
Other care measures that you consider NICE-TO-HAVE BUT NOT ESSENTIAL		
Care measures (including those listed above) that you think should NOT be provided		