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## Section C

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Summarizing the Key Issues in IC

# The Consent Process

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- Community leaders' disapproval
- Family disapproval
- Cultural customs that prohibit “refusing a guest” (rules of traditional hospitality)

# Summary

- Informed consent is an important component of research
- Ensures that the research participant is fully informed of research
- Respects the participants' rights to decide about participation after being fully informed
- Should be treated as a process