

THESIS PROTOCOL GUIDE

(The Students need to describe in detail)

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Apart from the formal letter and documents, protocol shall consist of the following

1. **Title** – *Short but should tell what is inside, follow PI/ECO*
2. **Introduction or Background of the study**
Relevance of the study and why the study should be conducted
3. **Review of Literature**
Relevant and recent ones
4. **Objectives(s)**
Should be SMART, use good action verb and limit the number
5. **Materials and Methods**
Should describe the following points
 - 5.1. *Study design*
 - 5.2. *Setting*
 - 5.3. *Duration of the study*
 - 5.4. *Study population (all the groups if applicable)/Inclusion & Exclusion criteria*
 - 5.5. *Sample – Size and Sampling/Recruitment/Randomization (if clinical trial)*
 - 5.6. *Variables studied – Independent or Exposure as well as Dependent or Outcome/
Describe the Intervention (if clinical trial or experimental study)*
 - 5.7. *Operational definitions (if any)*
 - 5.8. *Data Collection – Study instrument / Procedure*
 - 5.9. *Data Handling and Analysis*
 - 5.10. *Ethical issues and steps to minimize harms to participants*
6. **Summary**
7. **Annexure**
 - *Any Schedule/Questionnaire/Proforma*
 - *Informed Consent Document*
 - *Any other (if needed)*
8. **References** – follow ICMJE guidelines (refer to https://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/uniform_requirements.html & <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7256/>). But if the authors >6, cite only 6)

