## 2.3.a Inclusion of Individuals Across the Lifespan

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***Guidelines***

1. *Required for all studies involving human subjects*
2. ***Format:***
   1. *No page limit*
   2. *Margins min. 0.5”*
   3. *NIH-recommended fonts: Arial, Georgia, Helvetica, Palatino Linotype*
3. ***Content:***
   1. *Address all instructions below*
4. *When form is complete:*
   1. *Remove this box*
   2. *Save file as “2.3.a Inclusion of Individuals Across the Lifespan”*

**Instructions:**

1. Justify exclusions of specific age or age range groups, if applicable
2. Specifically discuss whether there will be included/excluded across the lifespan (including children and older adults)
3. If included, include rationale for selected specific age range across the lifespan, if relevant
4. If excluded, provide rationale for exclusion
5. Include a description of the expertise of the investigative team for working with individuals of the ages included, of the appropriateness of available facilities to accommodate the individuals, and of how the age distribution of participants will contribute to a meaningful analysis relative to the purpose of the study.
6. When children are involved in research, the Additional Protections for Children Involved as Subjects in Research apply and must be addressed in the Protection of Human Subjects attachment.