

Section 14. Data Communiqués

For MTN-016, SCHARP will use “Data Communiqués” to document and communicate data decisions and procedures that are made or revised during the study. By using Data Communiqués, SCHARP avoids having to re-distribute a revised version of the Data Collection section of this SSP every time a form completion clarification or revision is made.

Data Communiqués are considered official study documentation. As such, each time a Data Communiqué is sent (via email), please circulate it among relevant staff for their review, print the Data Communiqué, and place a copy in this section of each MTN-016 SSP binder in your possession. Consider each Data Communiqué an official part of the SSP.

Each Data Communiqué sent will consist of three sections: a Reminders section, used to remind sites of specific data collection or forms completion procedures; a Clarification section, used to clarify data collection or form completion procedures and an Updates section, used to communicate when an updated version of a form is being issued or to notify the sites that an updated version of the forms instructions is about to be distributed (for example).

Note that a “Data Communiqué” does not request specific actions or corrections to a particular participant’s data - it is just a listing of general items to keep in mind when performing data collection for the study.