

## On study/off study

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The adjective descriptors *on-study* and *off-study* are best avoided in favor of more informative descriptors. If they mean *on-treatment* and *off-treatment* use those terms instead of *on-study* and *off-study*.

**on-study** *adj* - 1. Of or relating to something done or to be done that is part of a **study protocol**. 2. **on-protocol** ant: **off-protocol, off-study** rt: **on-treatment** *Usage note*: Not recommended for reasons stated for **off-study** and **off-protocol**. A person can be **on-study** in regard to one aspect of a study protocol and off in regard to a different aspect. Avoid confusion by use of more exact terminology, or by accompanying detail to make context of use clear.

**off-study** *adj* - 1. Of or relating to something done or to be done that is not part of a **study protocol**. 2. **off-protocol** ant: **on-protocol, on-study** rt: **off-treatment** *Usage note*: Subject to confusion for reasons stated for **off-protocol**. Note that use in the sense of defn 1 is different from use for any of the senses of defn 2. Avoid; if used provide details to make nature of use clear.

**on-treatment** *adj* - Of or relating to a person receiving the **assigned study treatment** in a **trial**. syn: **on-study** (not recommended) ant: **off-treatment** *Usage note*: See notes for **on-study** and **off-study**.

**off-treatment** *adj* - 1. Of or relating to a person not receiving the **assigned study treatment** in a **trial**. 2. Of or relating to a person in a trial for whom use of the **assigned treatment** has been **suspended** or **terminated** for medical or other reasons, eg, intolerable **side effects** or the development of some other disease conditions requiring other forms of treatment. syn: **off-study** (not recommended) ant: **on-treatment** *Usage note*: see usage notes for **off-study** and **on-study**)