Should I use a longitudinal design or repeating events?

I am building my project and plan to collect data at multiple time points.

If you have fixed timepoints (e.g. follow-up visits) with repeating instruments, you should structure your data collection around these scheduled events and designate forms for each event.

To create events with repeating forms, use the Longitudinal Project Design. For more information, refer to FAQ: Longitudinal Events.

If you have unscheduled events whose frequency is irregular (e.g. adverse events), you should use Repeating Instruments (Forms) or Events.

With REDCap, you can repeat a data collection instrument or an entire event of instruments an unlimited number of times without having to specify the amount needed. The repeating instruments/events feature can be enabled and set up by clicking the Enable button in Optional Modules on the Project Setup page.

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Video Tutorial: Repeating Instruments and Events (33 min)