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JEHOVAH'S WITNESS PATIENTS - PROVIDING CARE

POLICY STATEMENT

It is Bay of Plenty District Health Board's (BOPDHB) aim that care for Jehovah's Witness patients will be provided whenever possible in accordance with their religious beliefs.

PURPOSE

This policy was developed to assist clinical staff in establishing acceptable medical management, which supports the tenets held by patients who are Jehovah's Witnesses.

EXCLUSIONS

Transfusion of blood products to minors in life threatening situations

REFERENCES

- [New Zealand Bill of Rights Act](#)
- Care of Children Act 2004

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.5 protocol 1 Jehovah's Witness Patients – Providing Care Standards
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.5 protocol 2 Jehovah's Witness Patients – Treatment of Patients in Need of Alternative Blood Replacement Therapy
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.5 protocol 3 Jehovah's Witness Patients – Treatment of Children in Need of Alternative Blood Replacement Therapy
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Perioperative Service protocol PERIOP.J1.1 Guidance - Jehovah's Witness Patients (Adults and Children) - Trauma or Acute Bleeding Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Perioperative Service protocol PERIOP.J2.1 Guidance - Jehovah's Witness Patients (Adults and Children) - Elective Surgery Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.1.1 Informed Consent
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.6 Refusal of Blood Products
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Informed Consent form (7752)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.B2.1 Blood Products - Understanding Regarding Refusal of Blood Products for Minors
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.H.1 Health Care Directive
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.J1.1 Jehovah's Witness Patients - Providing Care

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