 <p><b>BAY OF PLENTY</b> DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD HAUORA A TOI</p> <p><b>INFORMED CONSENT</b> <b>PROTOCOL</b></p>	<p><b>INFORMED CONSENT - NURSE FACILITATION OF</b> <b>PROCESS</b></p>	<p><b>Policy 1.1.1</b> <b>Protocol 5</b></p>
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## PURPOSE

The protocol is to support Bay of Plenty District Health Board (BOPDHB) Registered Nurse (RN) facilitation of the informed consent process for patients undergoing procedures.

- The responsibility for final verification of the patient's informed consent remains with the medical practitioner responsible for the procedure
- RNs facilitating informed consent do so with the authorisation of the registered medical practitioner responsible for the patient's procedure as defined in the Form FM.I13.1.
- Authorisation to participate in informed consent applies only within the RNs normal work area for named procedures, which have been designated by Doctor.

The guideline is to be used in conjunction with the BOPDHB policy 1.1.1 Informed Consent.

## OBJECTIVE

To ensure that patients are provided with information and the opportunity to discuss their planned procedure in preparation for completion of the informed consent process.

To promote effective flow of service provision

## EXCLUSIONS

**RNs are to refer to BOPDHB policy 1.1.1 Informed Consent to support their assessment as to a patient's competence to consent. RN consent is not appropriate for:**


- Children aged 15 years or younger
- Adults without the capacity to retain or recall the information given to them
- Adults who do not agree for a RN to obtain their consent

For these patients, the full consent process must be completed by the registered medical practitioner responsible for the procedure.

## STANDARDS TO BE MET

ACTION	RATIONALE
<p><b>RNs may participate in obtaining informed consent as per FM.I13.1 held within each relevant department:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure RNs obtain consent on procedures that they have been designated to undertake, within the clinical service they are employed - by the registered medical practitioner undertaking the procedure</li> </ul>
<p><b>RNs demonstrate competency to participate in obtaining informed consent:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The RN must have been employed within the clinical service for a minimum of 6 months, completed orientation training and competency assessment related to the informed consent process.</li> <li>• This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Knowledge of the procedure and risks / potential complications</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure that RNs demonstrate knowledge of procedures before consent is obtained from patients</li> <li>• To ensure RN is working within scope of practice when obtaining consent from patients</li> <li>• To demonstrate competence in the facilitated consent process</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Consent process meets organisational standards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that if required, the patient and family have access to interpretation service.</li> <li>• Complete a nursing assessment, including comprehensive information about the patient's medication, medical and surgical history.</li> <li>• Ensure all information is recorded in the relevant care pathway where available</li> <li>• Check treatment and consent forms match the referral documentation for proposed treatment / procedure</li> <li>• Ensure the patient has received the postal information booklets relevant to their intended procedure</li> <li>• Ensure that all information documents has been reviewed with the patient and completed accurately for a patient's procedure.</li> <li>• This includes information around the use of moderate (conscious) sedation.</li> <li>• Discuss the risks and complications as well as potential consequences of these complications as outlined within patient information booklets</li> <li>• When the patient has signed Consent Form, countersign that you have verified the patient understands the procedure, and potential risks and options</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure patient understands the proposed procedure, potential risks and their options</li> <li>• To assess if patient does not have any contraindications that will place them at risk to undergo the procedure</li> <li>• To ensure consent process is completed</li> <li>• To ensure patient signs the correct consent form for the correct procedure</li> <li>• To ensure that the Health &amp; Disability Commissioner Code of Rights is met</li>   <li>• To meet informed consent standards</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any identified patient concerns are escalated to the registered medical practitioner who verifies consent with the patient prior to commencing the procedure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure patient concerns are addressed by the registered medical practitioner</li> </ul>

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- Leino-Kipli H. (2000). *Patients Autonomy, Privacy and Informed Consent*. Oxford: IOS Press
- Health and Disability Commissioner. Code of Rights

## ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.1.1 Informed Consent
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.4.4 Cultural Safety – Maori
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.5.1 Interpreter Services
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Lippincott procedure Moderate (Conscious) Sedation
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 7.103.1 protocol 32 Certification – Informed Consent – Nurse Facilitated
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Certification Assessment Form ASSESS.I2.1 Certification Assessment - Informed Consent – Nurse Facilitation of Consent Process
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.I13.1 Informed Consent – Register of Medical Staff Authorisation for Nurse Facilitation Process

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