New Informed Consent Form for Surgery/Treatment/Procedures/Anesthesia

Purpose

- Provides one singular consent form for the Health System
- Includes needed clarifications and information updates
- Rewritten in simpler language that is easier to understand

Note: conversation with patient about risks, benefits, and alternatives is the most important part of the process and must be documented in the medical record

Informed Translators

- If you are fluent in a language other than English, but not trained to translate medical terms, you must use a Mount Sinai official translator
- If the consent form is not available in the patient's preferred language, an English consent may be used with a translator

Launch Planning

- Forms will become available over the course of November—please consult with your local leadership
  - **Paper:** (English on front/Spanish on back) see unit leadership to order from Office Depot (SKU 3646664)
  - **Electronic:** (all nine translations) on document management systems (e.g. Patient Works, Form Fast)
- Please discard all previous versions of the Informed Consent Form for Surgery/Treatment/Procedure/Anesthesia
- Mount Sinai Health System Informed Consent Policy will be available on PolicyTech by the end of November

See how to use the new form ›››

Please contact **Amanda Rhee** (**amanda.rhee@mountsinai.org**) with questions and ideas

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USING THE NEW FORM

Mount Sinai Health System
New York

CONSENT TO SURGERY/ PROCEDURE/ TREATMENT AND ANESTHESIA

Place Patient Sticker Here

1. I hereby authorize **Write Name of Primary Attending** (*Attending Physician/Privileged Provider*) and **Write Name of Pre-Planned Co-Surgeon** (*Co-Surgeon/Privileged Provider*) and those associates or assistants designated to perform upon **Write Name of Patient or "Me"** (*Name of Patient or "Me"*) the following treatments, surgeries, procedures (referred to as "Procedure") to include: **Write Name of Procedure**

   A team of medical professionals will work together to perform my Procedure. My Attending Physician/Privileged Provider, or other Designated Privileged Provider, will be present for all critical parts of the Procedure. I understand that other medical professionals may perform some parts of the Procedure as my doctor or the Designated Privileged Provider deems appropriate. **Do not write name of back-up surgeon**
2. The Attending Physician/Privileged Provider above (or their designee, if n/a leave blank: **Name of Designee Obtaining Consent**) has fully explained to me, in my preferred language what will happen during and after my care, including any additional Procedures, and/or medications I will receive, including during my recovery. They have also discussed the potential risks, benefits, and alternatives of this care. I further understand that images or sound recordings may be taken or organs, tissues, implants, or body fluids may be removed, examined, and retained for the purposes of medical care and safety improvements. If these are disposed of, it will be done according to our usual practices. I also agree to allow the presence of necessary technical or vendor support persons into the Procedure room for the purposes of my medical care. I have been informed of the likelihood of achieving the proposed goals and the reasonable alternatives to the proposed plan of care including not receiving the proposed treatments. I have been given an opportunity to ask questions, and all my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.
3. I understand that during the course of the above proposed Procedure something unexpected may come up and I may need a different Procedure. I consent to the additional Procedure which the above-named physician or their Associates/Assistants/Designated Privileged Providers may consider necessary.
4. I understand that my medical professional may provide me with medications to keep me comfortable and safe such as anesthetics/sedatives/analgesics. I understand that my medical professional has or will speak to me about the risks, benefits, and alternatives to these medicines before my treatment.
5. If applicable, I agree that I may need blood or blood product transfusions as part of my medical treatment. I agree that my medical professional has spoken to me about the risks, benefits, and alternatives to receiving blood and blood products.
   ☐ I decline the above regarding blood or blood product transfusions.
6. If applicable, I agree that organs, tissues, implants, or other body fluids may be removed, examined and kept for scientific or educational purposes. I understand that my identity will be kept private and these are handled, stored, and if disposed of will be done according to our usual practices.
   ☐ I decline the above regarding organs, tissue, implants, and body fluids for scientific or educational purposes.
7. If applicable, I agree to allow the recording of images and sound of this Procedure for educational purposes such as presentations and publications. I understand that my identity will be kept private.
   ☐ I decline the above regarding pictures and sound recordings for educational purposes.
8. If applicable, I agree to allow authorized observers into the operating or treatment room.
   ☐ I decline the above regarding observers.
9. I have marked the portions of the document I do not agree to.

Patients can opt out of these by checking the boxes

If the witness is confirming an existing patient signature, check here

	Print name	Signature	Date	Time	Relationship or "self"
Patient,* Guardian or Representative**					

	Print name	Signature	Date	Time	
Signature Witness					☒ Witnessed Patient confirming signature *(check box if applicable)*
Preferred Language Interpreter Name or Number	Print name and/or number	Signature (if present)	Date	Time	☐ Patient refused interpreter *(check box if applicable)*

☐ **Telephone/Video Consent (Check box if applicable), Patient/Guardian/Representative**/Interpreter signature not required.**

▶ **The Attending Physician or Privileged Provider who is performing the procedure must sign the certification below.**

I, the Attending Physician or Privileged Provider, hereby certify that the nature, purpose, benefits, risks of, and alternatives to the proposed Procedure have been explained to the patient/guardian/representative** and I have offered to answer any questions and have fully answered all such questions. I believe that the patient/guardian/representative** fully understands what I have explained and answered. In the event that I was not present when the patient signed this form, I understand that the form is only documentation that the informed consent process took place. I remain responsible for having obtained consent from the patient.

Print name	Attending Physician/Privileged Provider Signature	Date	Time

▶ **If more than thirty days have passed since this consent form was signed or the consent conversation was held:**

I, the Attending Physician or Privileged Provider, have reaffirmed the patient/guardian/representative's** understanding and certify that there has been no substantial change to the patient's condition in the time period since the consent form was signed.

Print name	Attending Physician/Privileged Provider Signature	Date	Time

* The signature of the patient must be obtained unless the patient is under the age of 18 or incompetent.
** Throughout this document, the term "representative" refers to a legally authorized representative.

NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE MADE PART OF THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL RECORD.

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