

Informed Consent Review

Update – June 2016

A review of all informed consent documents has commenced and consent forms will be updated by specialty to ensure they are contemporary, relevant and reflect current practice.

Due to the volume of consent documents, the review is being carried out over an expected timeframe of three years and is being prioritised, based on a number of factors including recommendations from clinical incidents, high priority clinical need, the volume of downloads from the website and date of last review.

The comprehensive review includes input from multidisciplinary specialist clinicians, medication safety experts, human factors engineers, Queensland Health Legal Unit, The Office of the Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer, consumer representation, and interpreter services.

The review and development of all consent forms involves a rigorous four stage process:

1. Clinical specialty expert subcommittee review
2. Queensland Health Legal Unit review
3. Statewide Informed Consent Steering Committee review (includes broad statewide representation)
4. Executive Director Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Service (PSQIS) approval following formatting and design by a graphic designer to meet Clinical Form Australian Standards

The focus of specialty consent currently under review are:

- Blood
- Burns
- General Surgery
- Medical Imaging
- Spinal
- Cardiac
- Bone Bank

Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Service will be actively engaging clinicians across all Hospital and Health Services and speciality areas in the review. Clinicians are encouraged to participate.

For more information, please contact PSQIS_Comms@health.qld.gov.au or telephone +61 07 3328 9686.

The latest consent to be developed is the Generic Consent form – Adult; and Generic Adult – Patient Information Sheet now available on the Queensland Health Informed Consent Website for clinician use across the state.