

SAMPLE CLIENT CONSENT POLICY

PURPOSE

To set out the policies and procedures related to obtaining consent from clients for program participation or medical procedures.

POLICY

The First Nations Health Organization may at times require written consent from clients, clients' parents and/or guardians for program participation or medical procedures. The First Nations Health Organization shall ensure that consent is valid and fully understood by clients.

POLICY APPLICATION

1. Employees will present information in a way that is sensitive to the age, development capacity/language and/or culture of the person receiving the information.
2. Consent must be given voluntarily.
3. Consent is given without coercion or undue influence.
4. Consent is given only after client is informed of their right to give/ withhold and revoke such consent.
5. The consent forms include reasons for consent of the release of personal information and health procedures.
6. Consent may be needed for delivery of services. Clients will be advised of all aspects of the consent as it relates to program services, treatment, training and another action proposed.
7. Consent may be needed for training purposes or to develop plans for improvement in programs.
8. The First Nations Health Organization will at times require written consent for the release of photographs, videotapes, taped interviews, use of art work, writing and other creative works of clients (under age 18 and over age 18).
9. Written consent must be given for the use of client information in response to media inquiries, advertising and public statements.