

Patient media consent



Wairarapa, Hutt Valley and Capital & Coast DHBs are committed to protecting the health and welfare of patients. We will release patient information only as allowed under the Privacy Act 1993, the Health Information Privacy Code 1994 and the Official Information Act 1982.

Written consent from a patient, their legal guardian, or their legal representative must be obtained before we can consider whether to provide any patient information to the media.

Written consent from a close family member does not allow us to release information unless that family member is a guardian or representative with legal authority to act on the patient’s behalf.

If written consent is not provided, we may only confirm if the patient is in hospital and release a one-word condition on the patient’s medical status.

Even if written consent is provided, clinicians have the right to override any consent if they believe it is in the best interests of the patient – taking into consideration patient wellbeing and safety, privacy for other patients, and other factors.

Under no circumstances may interviews, filming or photography be carried out on hospital sites without permission from the communications unit. Patient, guardian or legal representative consent alone is insufficient.

Patient consent for the release of clinically confidential information

I (name) provide my consent for Wairarapa, Hutt Valley or Capital & Coast District Health Board to provide patient information held by them about me or (patient name) who I am the legal guardian or legal representative of to (media outlet) for the purpose of
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I understand and accept that once my patient information is released the district health board has no control over how it is used by the media outlet.

Signed:

Dated:

