

Day of Surgery - Consent Verification

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Methodology

- ✓ Assessed Clinical portal
- ✓ Clinical notes/legal document
- ✓ Checked if patients who have undergone elective Joint Arthroplasty (previously consented @ consent clinics) had counter-signed on the consent forms on "the day of surgery"

INTERVENTION

Presented 1st cycle with data and created awareness amongst Consultants/Registrars about importance of counter signing the Pre-consented form on the day of surgery

Aim

To assess the consent forms of patients (Elective Joint replacement List) and check if they have been counter signed on "the day of surgery"

Study Design - Audit

Time Period - Jan - Dec 2018 (1st cycle),
Feb 2020 - Jan 2021 (2nd cycle)

Place - D.G.R.I., dept of Orthopedics

Results

1ST CYCLE Jan-Dec 2018 (307 PATIENTS)

2ND CYCLE -Feb 2020-Jan 2021 (140 PATIENTS)

PATIENTS	Counter signed on DOS	%
159	YES	52%
148	NO	48%

PATIENTS	Counter signed on DOS	%
106	YES	76% (THR 75% vs. TKR 77%)
34	NO	24% (THR 25% vs. TKR 23%)

Marked improvement from previous audit cycle following intervention of informing both registrars and consultants to check DOS section for signature on day of surgery

Conclusion

- ❖ Continue to build on the improvement seen in these audit cycles
- ❖ Aim to ensure consent is initially signed in advance of D.O.S. per R.C.O.S. guidance to allow patients time for reflection following consent

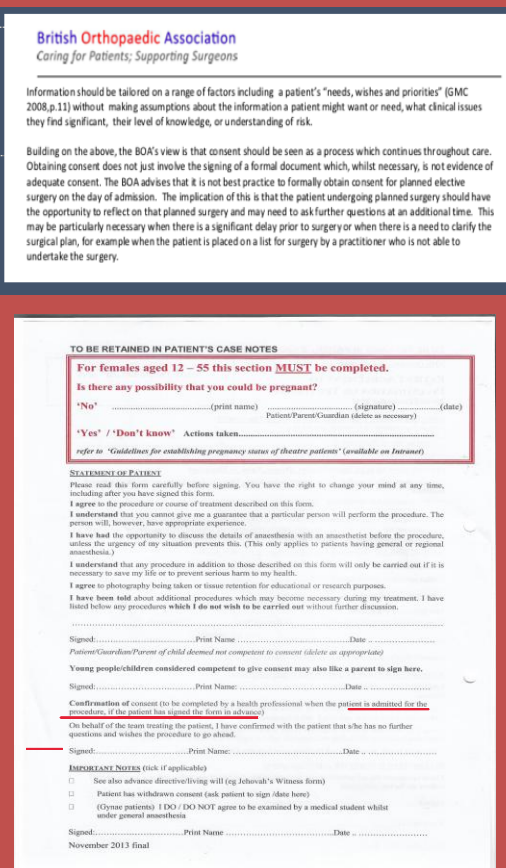
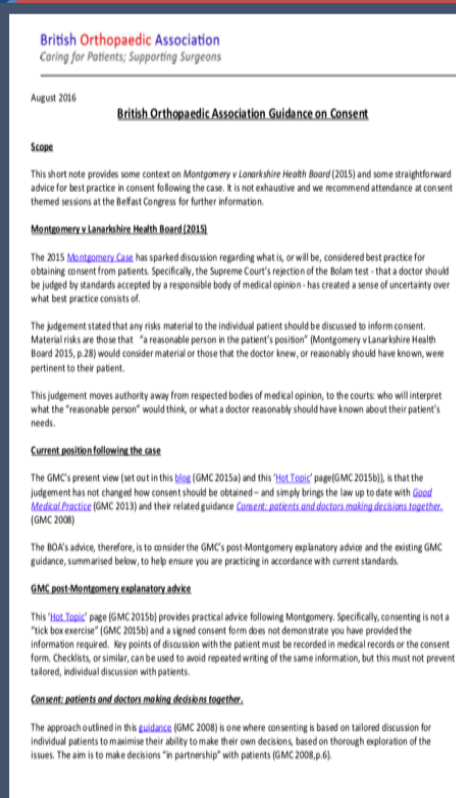


Fig 1- Guidance and importance of appropriate consenting along with Consent form @ DGRI which requires surgeon to counter sign on day of surgery

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