

## Consent form 2

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Patient's first names .....

Date of birth .....

Age .....

NHS number (or other identifier).....

Responsible health professional.....

Job title .....

Male

Female

Special requirements .....

(eg other language/other communication method)

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(include brief explanation if medical term not clear)

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**Significant, unavoidable, frequently occurring risks, or risks patient/parent thinks important**

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Any extra procedures which may become necessary during the procedure

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- other procedure (please specify) .....

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The following leaflet/tape has been provided  Consent  .....

**This procedure will involve:**

- general and/or regional anaesthesia
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- sedation

**Signed:**..... **Date** .....

Name (PRINT) ..... Job title .....

**Contact details** (if child/parent wishes to discuss options later) .....

**Statement of interpreter** (where appropriate)

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**Statement of parent (or person with parental responsibility)**

Please read this form carefully. If the procedure has been planned in advance, you should already have your own copy of page 2, which describes the benefits and risks of the proposed treatment. If not, you will be offered a copy now. If you have any further questions, do ask – we are here to help you and your child. You have the right to change your mind at any time, including after you have signed this form.

**I agree** to the procedure or course of treatment described on this form and **I confirm** that I have 'parental responsibility' for this child.

**I understand** that you cannot give me a guarantee that a particular person will perform the procedure. The person will, however, have appropriate experience.

**I understand** that my child and I will have the opportunity to discuss the details of anaesthesia with an anaesthetist before the procedure, unless the urgency of the situation prevents this. (This only applies to children having general or regional anaesthesia.)

**I understand** that any procedure in addition to those described on this form will only be carried out if it is necessary to save the life of my child or to prevent serious harm to his or her health.

**I have been told** about additional procedures which may become necessary during my child's treatment. I have listed below any **procedures which I do not wish to be carried out** without further discussion.

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**Signature** ..... **Date**.....  
**Name (PRINT)** ..... **Relationship to child**.....

**Child's agreement to treatment (if child wishes to sign)**

I agree to have the treatment I have been told about.

**Name** ..... **Signature** .....  
**Date** .....

**Confirmation of consent** (to be completed by a health professional when the child is admitted for the procedure, if the parent/child have signed the form in advance)

On behalf of the team treating the patient, I have confirmed with the child and his or her parent(s) that they have no further questions and wish the procedure to go ahead.

**Signed:**..... **Date** ..  
**Name (PRINT)** ..... **Job title** .....

**Important notes: (tick if applicable)**

- See also advance decision to refuse treatment (e.g. Jehovah's Witness form)
- Parent agrees to use of surplus tissue (ensure separate signed consent in notes)
- Parent has withdrawn consent (ask parent to sign /date here)** .....

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