

A guide to informed consent for medical journal editors

Type of consent	Who gives consent	What the consent is for	What makes the consent 'informed'	Who the consent is given to
To receive treatment	A person who is a patient undergoing a treatment	To receive the treatment	The person is told about the benefits and risks of the treatment	The people providing the treatment
To participate in research	A person who is participating in a research study	To be participants in the study and/or for their tissues or data to be used for research.	The person is told about the risks of taking part in the research and the benefits if there are any	The people undertaking the research
To publish identifiable details	A person who has either taken part in a study or received treatment	For details that might identify the individual to be published and disseminated	The person is told that they might be identified from the details published and their details may be widely disseminated	The publisher of the person's details