

Obtaining consent

"A person must give permission before they receive any type of medical treatment, test or examination"

Seeking patient consent prior to undertaking an examination or treatment is a fundamental ethical and legal requirement of you as a practitioner.

The Society and College of Radiographers has developed recommendations to assist you in ensuring you have undertaken an informed consent.

The recommendations cover key issues such as:

- Legal duty
- Shared decision making
- Capacity
- Risk and benefit
- How practical
- Children
- Students and trainee assistant practitioners
- Chaperones

The full and detailed recommendations can be downloaded along with more information at www.sor.org/practice/obtaining-consent

"The healthcare practitioner is ultimately responsible for ensuring the patient is genuinely consenting"

