eConsult Considerations for Consent

The following outlines consent considerations when using eConsult in a clinical setting.

Consent

Written consent is not a requirement for the HEALTHe NL eConsult system. When a patient presents, and it is determined that eConsult will be used as a clinical tool, consent is implied. Consent, and any related discussions with the patient, should be noted in the patient's medical record. When participating in an eConsult, remember that the details of the eConsult must be kept to the same standards as any other form of documented collaboration between health care professionals.

Discuss

As a provider, when using eConsult, ensure that your patient:

- Has been advised that eConsult is a collaborative clinical tool for Specialists and Primary Care Providers.
- Is aware that the eConsult will be available within the NL Provincial Electronic Health Record.
- Understands that only health care professionals within approved HEALTHe NL roles will have permission to access the details of the eConsult once it is finalized.
- Understands that participation is voluntary and the eConsult can be cancelled if requested.

Ask the Patient

- "Do you understand the statements made?"
- "Do you have any questions about eConsult?"
- "Do you consent to proceed with the submission of the eConsult?"

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