

Informed consent - The new litigation playground

Basic description of course and content

Treatment without consent can resound in the civil courts, criminal courts and disciplinary hearings. Informed Consent is the new litigation playground.

Health professionals at all levels need to have a practical working knowledge of the law and of best practice systems to protect themselves, including the use of protocols.

Informed consent is an integral part of clinical governance and cannot be ignored. For example, failure to advise of the possibility of loss of sexual function will almost certainly result in litigation, if not in an appearance before the GMC or UKCC. On Monday 16th 2001 the Court of Appeal found a consultant surgeon negligent for not considering and discussing alternative forms of treatment with his patient and for not making himself aware of the possible therapy choices.

Objectives

- Provide the building blocks to enable you to deal with the most complex scenarios.
- An understanding of what is meant by capacity
- An understanding of what is meant by informed consent
- Provision of a decision-making algorithm
- Learn best practice in documentation, written and oral evidence

Suggested number of delegates

Up to 30