

**Patient  
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# Medical Photography Consent

## Introduction

Please read this consent information carefully. It will explain each consent level clearly. If you are unable to understand this information please contact the Medical Photography department. A member of staff will be able to explain the consent levels and answer any questions that you may have. The telephone number is at the end of this leaflet.

You will be asked to point out on the Photographic Request and Consent form which level of consent you agree to.

You do not have to agree to a photograph or recording being taken. However, in some cases, refusal may stop your healthcare team from achieving the best possible outcome for you.

## Level 1 - Health Records only

You will provide consent to clinical photographs or videos being taken and stored as part of your health record. These items will only be used for the diagnosis and monitoring of your medical condition(s).

## Level 2 - Teaching, research and clinical trials

You will provide consent to clinical photographs or videos being taken and stored as part of your health record. These items will be used for the diagnosis and monitoring of your medical condition(s). The images will also be stored on the Trust's teaching archive for staff to access. These images may be used for healthcare teaching but only in a way which does not identify you.

## Level 3 - Publication

You will provide consent to clinical photographs or videos being taken and stored as part of your health record. These items will be used for the diagnosis and monitoring of your medical conditions. The images will also be stored on the Trust's publication and teaching archives for staff to access.

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These images may be used for healthcare teaching but only in a way which does not identify you. Clinicians may wish to publish your de-identified images at a later date. If so, you will be asked at that time to provide specific consent for the publication. If specific details regarding publication are already included on the consent form you will consent for the images to be used for the purpose specified only.

**Please note there is another level of consent.**

### **Level 0 – Best interests**

You will not be asked to give this consent. It is used when a patient is unable to consent, for example where a patient is unconscious. A clinician will decide on behalf of the patient whether to take images. These items will be stored as part of the patient's health record and only used for the diagnosis and monitoring of any medical conditions. If possible, the patient will be told about this at a later date.

### **Withdrawing consent**

If you decide to withdraw any consent please contact the Medical Photography department using the contact details at the end of this leaflet. Images forming part of your health record will not be deleted but may be removed from view. Withdrawal of consent will not apply to published materials.

### **Accessing copies of your images**

If you wish to have copies of your images then please contact the Access to Health Records team. There may be a charge to cover material costs.

#### **Access to Health Records**

Tel: 0300 422 5747

Monday to Thursday, 8:00am to 3:00pm

Friday, 8:00am to 2:00pm

Or search for 'access my records' on the Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust website at:

[www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk](http://www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk)

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## **Contact information**

### **Medical Photography**

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Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm

## **How we look after your information**

This leaflet refers several times to your health record. We have a legal duty to keep a full and accurate record of your care and treatment. This is your health record.

For information about how we look after your information and your rights please see the Trust's Privacy Notice at

[www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk/privacy-notice](http://www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk/privacy-notice)

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