



York Teaching Hospital  
NHS Foundation Trust

# Consenting to Clinical Photography or Video recording

Information for patients, relatives and carers

① For more information,  
please contact your doctor or nurse

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Clinical photography is used to visually record a patient's medical condition and forms part of the patient's clinical record.

York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has a policy to give you the right to control the use of photographs or video recordings, which may be taken during the course of your treatment.

You can refuse to have photographs or videos taken for any reason other than for your health records. This will not affect your treatment in any way.

We will ask you to sign a consent form (reference FYCON128-3 consent to clinical photography/video) giving permission for having the photographs or videos taken. The form records that you understand what is to be done and confirm that you wish to proceed. Please make sure that you are given the opportunity to discuss any concerns and to ask any questions you may still have before signing the form. A copy of the form will be kept in your medical notes and you can have a copy for your own records.

You have been asked to have medical photographs or video recordings taken. These will be for:

1. Your health record - Medical photography (pre-and post-operative) is part of the clinical record. You may not be asked for your written consent for this.

Clinical photographs are taken to help doctors and other health professionals to monitor clinical conditions and plan treatments including surgery.

**If you are having Breast Surgery**

The Association of Breast Surgery (ABS) and British Association of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (BAPRAS) guidelines recommend pre and successive postoperative clinical photographs for all patients having oncoplastic and reconstructive breast surgery.

2. The teaching of health professionals and students studying healthcare here and in other hospitals/colleges/universities.
3. The education of patients with conditions similar to your own.
4. For publication in Medical and Scientific Journals or Textbooks either now or at any time in the future.

If used for some other specific purpose this will be explained on the consent form.

You can say yes to as many or as few of the above as you wish. Please be aware that once photographs have been published, you cannot withdraw your consent.

## **Anonymity**

Every effort will be made to maintain patient anonymity/ conceal identity and patient's faces will not be included in photographs unless specific separate consent is sought where this is unavoidable.

## **Storage**

All digital images will be stored on a secure server with limited access or on an encrypted memory stick.

## **Further Information**

If you have any further questions, please speak to your doctor or nurse.

## **Tell us what you think of this leaflet**

We hope that you found this leaflet helpful. If you would like to tell us what you think, please contact:

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Wigginton Road, York, YO31 8HE or telephone  
01904 726350.

## **Teaching, training and research**

Our Trust is committed to teaching, training and research to support the development of health and healthcare in our community. Healthcare students may observe consultations for this purpose. You can opt out if you do not want students to observe. We may also ask you if you would like to be involved in our research.

## **Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)**

PALS offers impartial advice and assistance to patients, their relatives, friends and carers. We can listen to feedback (positive or negative), answer questions and help resolve any concerns about Trust services.

PALS can be contacted on 01904 726262, or email [pals@york.nhs.uk](mailto:pals@york.nhs.uk).

An answer phone is available out of hours.



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