**Patient Consent**

**Purpose**

To document a patient’s agreement to the delivery of health care services via telemedicine and obtain the patient/guardian signature to verify consent.

**Policy**

The practice will have all patients/guardians sign a consent form before a patient’s first telemedicine visit.

**Procedure**

* Patients aged 18 years and older (or the parent, legal guardian, or a lawfully authorized custodial agent for a minor child under the age of 18) must provide voluntary consent to treatment, on a Telemedicine Informed Consent form, prior to the delivery of a telemedicine service.
* Staff will give patient/guardian an opportunity to ask questions prior to signing the consent form.
* Staff will fully inform patient/guardian of the consequences, benefits, and risks of treatment, after which patients have the right to decline telemedicine services.
* Staff will maintain the executed Telemedicine Informed Consent forms that are obtained in person in the patient’s medical record.
* If a distant-site clinician provides a telemedicine service, staff will provide that office with a copy of the Telemedicine Informed Consent form.
* If the encounter is completely virtual, verbal consent from patient/guardian will be obtained prior to the telemedicine visit and documented in the medical record.

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