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#### 1.0 POLICY:-

- General consent shall be taken from all patients being registered and admitted in the hospital. General consent must be obtained from an adult patient with decision-making capacity, or person legally authorized to consent on behalf of the patient. If consent is not obtained (for e.g. in case of unattended, unconscious patient), the reason must be documented in the patient medical record.
- General consent shall be taken in written with patients / relative's signature at the time of admission and as implied consent at the time of registration

#### 2.0 PURPOSE: -

The purpose of obtaining a patient's general consent is to ensure that patient is informed about the routine medical and nursing care that will be provided to the patient based on which he takes decision of getting registered and admitted in this hospital.

General consent is not an alternative to Informed Consent. Informed consent shall be taken as and when necessary according to the procedural protocols.

#### 3.0 DEFINITION :

General Consent: To authorize the attending physician, other physicians and healthcare professionals who may be involved in care to provide such diagnosis, care and treatment considered necessary or advisable by physician(s).

#### 4.0 ABBREVIATIONS (IF ANY): CMO-Casualty medical officer

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#### 5.0 SCOPE:-

Scope of general consent includes consent for clinical consultation, admission, disclosure of information required for clinical management (under confidence), routine medical examination (physical examination, palpation, percussion, auscultation), routine lab and imaging investigations, general nursing care, diet and physiotherapy assessment and counselling

**6.0 RESPONSIBILITY:-**Front office, Senior casualty nurse, CMO

**7.0 DISTRIBUTION:** All patient care areas

#### 8.0 PROCESS DETAILS:

##### 8.1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESS

- When a patient comes to a doctor for treatment of an ailment implies that he is agreeable to medical examination in the general sense. This is implied consent and would encompass physical examination (not intimate examination), palpation, percussion, auscultation and routine sonography.
- General consent to treatment and release of information
- Written general consent with signature shall be obtained at the time of admission by admission officer.
- Consent shall be taken in language understood by the patient / relative
- Components of general consent to treatment and release of information form shall be explained clearly to the patient and / or relative in the language understood by them
- Name of the patient, relative, Relation of the relative and signature of the person giving consent shall be properly endorsed.
- The form shall be attached in patient's file

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- In case of Medical Emergency consent need not be obtained. The reason shall however be documented in patient's medical file

#### 9.0 REFERENCES:

#### 10.0 RECORDS AND FORMATS:-

- Admission form (General consent form is a part of this form)

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