



Capital Health

## MEMORANDUM

From: Legal Services

Date: May, 2014

**Subject: Updates to Consent Policy**

The CDHA Consent Policy was updated May 2014 for your information.

A number of the changes are editorial in nature to add clarity or to comply with recent legislative changes to reflect appropriate language and references.

The main substantive change is the addition of Section 20 addressing specifically issues of consent for blood transfusion. The additions clarify existing practices and introduce a blood transfusion consent form (CD2632MR). The standard CDHA consent to investigation, treatment and surgery (CD301MR) has been modified to better document consent to blood transfusion and identify possible blood transfusion restrictions earlier. Both forms are available from Print Shop. The blood transfusion specific consent form is not required if informed consent for the blood transfusion has been obtained and documented on the standard CDHA consent form or other approved CDHA consent forms which include the revised blood transfusion consent language.

The existing blood transfusion refusal form has also been updated for language consistency (CD0738MR).

An algorithm for documenting consent to blood transfusion based on these changes has been developed as has a sheet of Frequently Asked Questions