

## **Minutes from National iMedConsent™ VANTS Call**

Wednesday, January 4, 2006

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### **1. National iMedConsent POC VANTS Call Schedule**

VANTS: 1-800-767-1750 Access code 50498#

All calls are scheduled to last for 50 minutes.

Wednesday, February 1, 2006 3:00 PM Eastern

Wednesday, March 1, 2006 3:00 PM Eastern

Wednesday, April 5, 2006 3:00 PM Eastern

Wednesday, May 3, 2006 3:00 PM Eastern

Wednesday, June 7, 2006 3:00 PM Eastern

Wednesday, July 5, 2006 3:00 PM Eastern

Wednesday, August 2, 2006 3:00 PM Eastern

Wednesday, September 6, 2006 3:00 PM Eastern

Wednesday, October 4, 2006 3:00 PM Eastern

Wednesday, November 1, 2006 3:00 PM Eastern

Wednesday, December 6, 2006 3:00 PM Eastern

### **2. VISN iMedConsent POC Calls**

Several VISNs have regular monthly iMedConsent calls that have been very successful in managing local issues related to iMedConsent. If your VISN would like assistance in setting up a regular iMedConsent teleconference please contact the Dialog Medical VA Account Manager, Paul Miller ([pmiller@dialogmedical.com](mailto:pmiller@dialogmedical.com)).

### **3. Dialog Medical Implementation Services on PCHS 2.**

Dialog Medical is now offering on-site implementation/training services on the PCHS 2 contract. If your site is interested, contact Paul Miller ([pmiller@dialogmedical.com](mailto:pmiller@dialogmedical.com)) or look for the vendor, Dialog Medical, under the MPC contract on the PCHS 2 website.

### **4. January Release**

iMedConsent will be modified to include a time-out setting. By default, the program will time-out after 60 minutes of inactivity. However, each facility will be able to change this setting locally. Several facilities have requested that the program be closed when CPRS closes. Here are some of the reasons Dialog Medical provided for why iMedConsent is not configured to close when CPRS shuts down:

- a. There could be several instances of CPRS running and complications of terminal services.
- b. If a user is in the middle running a consent document and accidentally closes CPRS we don't want iMedConsent to shut down.
- c. If you close out of iMedConsent the user does not want CPRS to close (they are separate applications). The purpose of CCOW is so the applications are not tied together.

If you have additional questions on this point, please contact Dialog Medical Support ([enterprise@dialogmedical.com](mailto:enterprise@dialogmedical.com)).

Two new content specialties will be released in January: Neurosurgery and Oncology/Hematology. Unfortunately, I still do not know when the Home Telehealth consent will be released. I'll let everyone know as soon as I hear something from the Care Coordination Office.

You can learn about other minor program changes in the forthcoming release notes.

**5. Wireless Guidance**

This guidance is still in development by OI. In the meantime, if you have questions, please forward them to me ([ray.frazier@va.gov](mailto:ray.frazier@va.gov)).

**6. Alternative of “No Treatment” Included on Each Consent Form**

Every consent form should have some form “no treatment” listed as an option on the consent form. Depending on the treatment/procedure, this option could be included in a number of different incarnations including:

- a. No treatment.
- b. Observation.
- c. Watchful waiting.
- d. Do nothing.

We consider these to be virtual equivalents that satisfy the national policy and JCAHO requirement that the patient be informed that “no treatment” is an option. If you identify a treatment/procedure that does not include this alternative, please report it to Dialog Medical.

**7. Suggested Language for Facility Additional Information Field**

As you all are aware, the information in the “Additional Information” section of the consent form is customizable by each facility. By this point, everyone should have customized this field for your facility. The Ethics Center has recommended specific text be considered depending on the types of treatments/procedures being offered at your facility. Several of you asked that this language be included in the minutes:

*I understand that photographs and/or video may be taken during this treatment/procedure. I consent to the taking of such pictures/video and their review by authorized personnel for treatment purposes. I understand that the pictures/video may be used for educational and/or research purposes provided that my name is not attached to them.*

*I understand that VA hospitals are teaching facilities, and trainees may participate in or observe this treatment/procedure.*

*I request that this medical facility dispose of any tissues or body parts which may be removed during the course of this treatment/procedure.*

**8. Review of Local Modifications to the Consent Library**

Several program and guidance changes (TBA) are currently being discussed at the national level. I strongly advise iMedConsent administrators to conduct the

following audits to make sure facilities are minimally impacted by these changes:

- a. Ensure that you have not modified nationally standardized consent information (benefits, risks, etc.). If you have done so, please forward a content change request to Dialog Medical ([queue.content@dialogmedical.com](mailto:queue.content@dialogmedical.com)). *Your edits will be deleted* when the consent form is updated!
- b. Review all consent procedures that you may have created locally to make sure that they comply with the mandate not to add local consents for treatments/procedures in the national library.

If you identify a duplicate consent form, for example if you added a procedure that was subsequently released nationally, please delete the local consent and instruct practitioners that they must use the nationally approved form.

If you have local consents that do not correspond to consents in the national library, please forward these forms (in PDF or WORD format) to Dialog Medical if you have not done so. These forms will be evaluated for possible addition to the standard consent library.

If you would like assistance reviewing your local consent forms, please contact me or Dialog Medical. More details will be announced on upcoming calls.