

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

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### **1. CCOW/Vergence Issue**

According to my last update from Mike Palmer, permanent upgrades will be completed in “early 2007.” I will continue to provide updates to the POC listserv as I receive them. As discussed on the call, the upgrade of the Sentillion vault should *not* require a workstation-by-workstation upgrade of the iMedConsent™ client program.

### **2. Next iMedConsent™ Release**

The next release, scheduled for late January or early February, will contain several important items. The full Spanish library will be made available nationwide in this release. A new report, called “Usage Summary by Category,” will be included. This report provides a clearer picture of overall utilization by category and specialty. A new Nuclear Medicine Refer to the forthcoming release notes and listserv postings for details.

### **3. Paper Consent Form**

A number of POCs have requested that we release a print version of the iMedConsent™ consent form template for use when the system goes down. This form is in development and will (if all goes as planned) be released with the next version of the informed consent policy (Handbook 1004.1). We expect that this will be released some time around the middle of the year. Until the new policy and form is released, please continue to use the paper forms you were using prior to iMedConsent™ implementation as a backup for instances when VistA/CPRS is unavailable due to technical difficulties.

### **4. Wireless Infrastructure Issues**

BCMA has put together some very useful resources incorporating key components to test your wireless infrastructure and key issues for success with your wireless infrastructure. Sally Kellum in Durham will forward these links to me and I will send them out to the listserv and I’ll post them to the intranet ([vaww.patientdecisions.va.gov](http://vaww.patientdecisions.va.gov)).

### **5. Reporting Issues**

A number of facilities (e.g., Columbia SC) are experiencing problems with the iMedConsent reporting function—both the local report generator and the national data rollup function. I have asked Dialog Medical to make the resolution of these issues a top priority.

### **6. Changes to the Code of Federal Regulations**

A number of changes to informed consent regulations have been published as final in the National Register. HOWEVER, these changes have not yet

resulted in changes to the national VHA policy (Handbook 1004.1). The Handbook is not expected to be updated until the middle of this year. As such, these changes to federal code *do not yet affect informed consent requirements in VHA*.

**7. Purchasing Additional Signature Pads**

I am aware of the difficulty in obtaining new signature pads since they are considered technical equipment and can only be purchased by OI&T. I will continue to work on ways in which I can get facility needs acknowledged and addressed—including exploration of getting an equipment waiver similar to that of BCMA equipment.