

## Minutes from National iMedConsent™ VANTS Call

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Meeting run and minutes drafted by Paul Miller, Dialog Medical  
with comments by Ray Frazier, National Center for Ethics in Health Care

### 1. iMedConsent™ Release Update

Beta release scheduled for the week ending Feb 16, followed by full release 5 to 10 business days afterwards. New features include:

- Spanish/English documents to be made available for general release.
- English version of iMedConsent will be defaulted.
- Locking down section fields for consents in the standard library.
- Updated Advanced Directives document.

### 2. Q&A

- Lebanon—Trying to launch iMedConsent from CPRS Dental Record Manager. Using the same string that is setup to launch iMedConsent from the CPRS tools menu, they are getting errors.

Ray: This function is not in the scope of the VA contract with Dialog Medical. We will keep this in mind for an enhancement to include in a future contract.

- Atlanta—Are consents required for CT scans?

Handbook 1004.1 requires signature consent for “radiographic contrast agents in high-risk patients (e.g., those with prior allergic reactions, renal failure or other risk factors) for Computerized Axial Tomography CAT scans, cisternograms, intravenous pyelograms and other procedures.”

A contrast consent exists in the iMedConsent Interventional Radiology consent folder (Vein - Intravenous Injection of Contrast Medium). Dialog Medical is considering separate consent forms for CTw/contrast and MRIw/contrast to decrease confusion on this issue.

- Salisbury and Butler—Wanted more information and clarification on the new Advanced Directive form beyond what was posted in the listserv message. Some have heard that the new form is on-hold.

Ray: The new advance directive is not on-hold. The new form should be used. *However*, facilities that have implemented iMedConsent to document and store advance directives may continue to use iMedConsent even though the program currently generates the “old” version of the form. The next release of iMedConsent will update the advance directive form. After that point, everyone should be using the new form, whether you use iMedConsent or paper. If you have any lingering questions about this issue, please contact me directly ([ray.frazier@va.gov](mailto:ray.frazier@va.gov)).

- Marion—Any plans for the 10-10EZ document to be part of iMedConsent?

Ray: There are no concrete plans at this time. However, I am investigating how this may be accomplished.

- Greater LA—What do you do when a patient cannot physically sign (not even an “X”)?

Ray: Generally, this is a legal issue. If the procedures are unclear, I would refer this to your Regional Counsel. The informed consent handbook is not specific on this point, but I hope that the next version of the policy, due out by the end of 2007, will clarify the documentation procedure. From an ethics perspective, we are most concerned that clinicians understand that patients do not need to have the physical ability to write in order to make their own decisions. The fact that you are asking this question indicates that your practitioners are cognizant of this ethical principle.

- Seattle—Can documents currently saved in iMedConsent later be brought back up and converted to Spanish bi-lingual documents? Answer - Not at this time.
- Las Vegas—Are there any plans for other languages in iMedConsent?

Ray: Not at this time.

- Danville—Are there any updates on the documentation of DNR suspension issue?

Ray: Not at this time. Direct physicians to document this discussion in the “Additional Information” field, the “Comments” field, and/or in a separate, specific progress note.

- Chicago—Wanted to send Dialog Medical their form for Employee Health to be considered for the administrative documents in iMedConsent.

Ray: Please note that there is a prohibition on using iMedConsent to document employee health issues. Do not use iMedConsent for employee health.

- Indianapolis—Any updates on the telephone consent in iMedConsent?

Ray: Not at this time.

- Louisville—Needs assistance creating local documents in iMedConsent – Dialog Medical to assist.
- Palo Alto—Request for an ICU Consents. Dialog Medical sent a DRAFT document for Palo Alto to review 2/9/07.

Ray: The Ethics Center is currently reviewing this proposed document for compliance with policy.

- Seattle—Comment for other POCs: Surgical Practices workflow difficulties have resulted in getting consent signed in a timely matter. Asked how other sites were addressing this. Others suggested that timeouts be extended in CPRS and iMedConsent if applicable.
- Salt Lake—Vergence Locator issue (patient context). Opening and closing CPRS sometimes does not resolve the issue. Other sites stated they had experienced the same issue. Someone on the call stated this was to be fixed in version 27 of CPRS. A work around suggested was to replace the CPRS folder on most workstations.

Bill Taylor is investigating.

- Cheyenne—Wanted to know if Interlink Backlit ePads worked using a Citrix server.

Bill Taylor has followed up with Cheyenne - Interlink says no, but they may work with the XPe... since it requires a full driver install, and you have the option of installing with ICA support interlink says there exists too many possibilities for them to create a one-covers-all solution for CE - although they say they can possibly create a custom solution - but someone will have to bear the dev costs... we've asked for a rough ballpark.