

Minutes from National iMedConsent™ VANTS Call

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(call conducted & minutes drafted by Paul Miller, Dialog Medical)

1. Release Update

Beta release scheduled for the week ending April 13, followed by a full release to occur 5 to 10 business days afterwards. New features include:

- An alert notification will be sent to Dialog Medical when jobs are stuck in job monitor. The release notes will have instructions on how to add additional emails for facility POC notification.
- Anatomical Location field has been moved to a more prominent location in consent forms (item #5) and progress note (item #1).
- Inserting fields in normal documents will no longer “grey out” (highlight in grey) the entire document.
- Images within normal documents can be moved around and resized when inserted into a document.
- Normal documents will allow the insertion of fields in the footer (text area, text box, or label).
- Re-Exported Consent for Pictures and/or Voice and Authorization for Autopsy documents in the Shared folder.
- Patient signature no longer required when storing Picture and Diagrams documents in the patient’s chart.
- Modifying the “Stop Sign” error message when there is a patient synchronization issue (CCOW/Vergence).
- Numerous consent additions and changes.

2. Q&A

- Any word or timeframe on when the Release of Information document will be re-released?
 - This is currently being evaluated by the Privacy Office. I will let you all know when I get word of their progress.
- Can Dialog release a field that will allow facilities to add content to a group of documents (or specialties)?
 - This is not being considered at the present time. Content addition at the “specialty” level is complicated by document shadowing among different specialties. The Facility-Specific Procedure Notes was intended to allow facilities to customize each consent form (in a limited fashion).
- When will the length of time for consent form validity be extended from 30 to 60 days?

- There will be no change to *any* informed consent requirements until the new informed consent policy (update to Handbook 1004.1) is released. This will be *at least 6 months*.
- Any update regarding wireless ePads?
 - Such pads are not yet available. Once developed commercially (timeline unknown—presumably market-driven), these pads will need to be tested & approved by Dialog Medical for compatibility with iMedConsent.
- Any way to include a detailed list of the content that has been requested from the field to prevent duplications?
 - We have considered a way to include an interactive list on the web but have not yet come up with a good web-based system. For the time being, I will continue to include an updated spreadsheet with the POC call minutes (this document).
- Is Dialog Medical working on capturing the data for documents that originated in one specialty, but have been shadowed in another? This has skewed some numbers regarding tracking utilization data for the performance monitoring.
 - I think we have seen that this has had a very limited effect on the overall Performance Monitor Report. While it has indeed skewed some of the data, I have not yet seen it affect whether a specialty meets the monitor standard for active use. The issue is extremely complicated because, apart from the complication of creating new local specialties, some consent forms do not have a unique, legitimate “home base” in any *single* specialty. That said, I do think we need to continue to investigate ways to improve the reporting methodology. We will continue to work on this issue.
- Is there anyway to filter out the test patients in the utilization data? All test patients should have social security numbers starting with 5 leading zeros.
 - We’ll investigate this.
- Is there someone on the call to address wireless issues from the VA?
 - I was unable to get someone from OI on the call. I am continuing my efforts to try to get their attention and recognize that we need more OI support on this project.
- How do you include patient data when generating local reports?
 - There is a checkbox when generating a report to include patient data. Be *very careful with the storage and dissemination of such reports*. Ensure that you are following all applicable information security protocols.
- Problems at Minneapolis with CCOW last eight weeks – Sentillion server partition becomes full, the CCOW clients cannot be used (have to reboot the Sentillion server).
 - I understand that Mike Palmer has addressed this issue. Please let me (Ray) know if additional attention needs to be given to this particular problem.
- We would like to add text regarding Organ/Tissue Donations to the Advanced Directive form.

- Modification of the official VA Form, 10-0137, is not permitted. If the veteran wishes to specify organ donation preferences on the form, use the free-text field in the treatment preferences section of the form.
- Any status on the upgrades to Sentillion and resolving the error iMedConsent error message when CPRS is launched before CCOW loads?
 - The projected date for the national release of the CCOW upgrade keeps slipping. I continue to push this at the highest levels almost daily.