

Minutes from National iMedConsent™ VANTS Call

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1. Upcoming Release

Dialog Medical provided an overview of the enhancements being planned for the May release. For details, please refer to the forthcoming release notes.

2. Q1 FY2007 Performance Monitor Report

I provided a detailed review of the monitor report that was prepared for the DUSHOM, using slides presented on the CMO/QMO weekly conference call on April 23, 2007. If you have lingering questions about this report, please let me know.

3. Will there be another national purchase & distribution of equipment?

No such purchase is planned at this time.

4. Will there be a “provider fill-in” consent for PICC line insertion?

Not at this time. VHA Handbook 1004.1 Informed Consent for Treatments and Procedures defines the term "practitioner" as: "any physician, dentist or health care professional who has been granted specific clinical privileges to perform the treatment or procedures involved. For the purpose of obtaining informed consent for medical treatment, the term practitioner includes medical and dental residents regardless of whether they have been granted clinical privileges."

In VHA Handbook 1100.19 Credentialing and Privileging, "Clinical Privileging" is defined as "the process by which a practitioner, licensed for independent practice (i.e., without supervision direction, required sponsor, preceptor, mandatory collaboration, etc) is permitted by law and the facility to practice independently, to provide medical or other patient care services within the scope of the individual's license, based on the individual's clinical competence as determined by peer references, professional experience, health status, education, training and licensure." Certain nurses and PAs may be "privileged" by their scope if practice to perform certain procedures but that designation is distinguished from "clinical privileging" as defined in VA policy.

Current Regulations (38 CFR Sec. 17.32) state that "the practitioner who has primary responsibility for the patient or who will perform the particular procedure or provide the treatment" may obtain consent. *The critical point is that health care professionals who are not clinically privileged are not considered "practitioners."*

We anticipate some changes to this policy in the upcoming revision of VHA Handbook 1004.1 (expected to be released by the end of 2007).

5. **What iMedConsent classes will be offered at this year's eHealth University?**

Two basic provider-level (end-user) classes have been approved for this year's VEHU (one lecture and one hands-on). Unfortunately, the CIS track organizers did not approve a class for iMedConsent administrators this year.