

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

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### **1. iMedConsent Handbook**

This Handbook went into the formal concurrence process in which other VACO program offices will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed Handbook. Many of the required program offices have signed-off on the guidance, and I am hopeful that it will be released to the field in the near future. Thanks again to all of you who contributed to the development of this handbook!

### **2. DNR Order Visibility**

Tom Patts in Wilkes-Barre joined the call to ask the group of iMed POCs for their advice and recommendations for improving the visibility of the DNR Order on the cover sheet in CPRS. Paul Bauck in Seattle suggested that a CAC at his facility, Patty Hoey, had instituted a reminders dialog process that had been successful. Further developments will be forwarded to the listserv.

### **3. Upcoming Release**

“Otter” patch is nearing release. It will include some fairly extensive content updates and new features such as a “Content Request” link on the main page which will allow end-users to submit content requests and questions directly to Dialog Medical. There are also major changes to the chemotherapy consent as well as a new education documentation tool for most education documents. Refer to the forthcoming Release Notes for details.

### **4. “Content Request” Link to be Released in Otter**

Paul in Seattle requested that this new functionality be modified such that facilities can turn this feature off. There is concern that formal requests for new content be reviewed and approved locally before being funneled to Dialog Medical through a central point of contact. Dialog Medical will look into this.

### **5. Policy and Form Update**

No updates available on the timeline for release of the following forms, publications, and enhancements:

- Informed Consent Handbook revisions (including blank consent form templates and changes to the consent form expiration, witness requirement, and “who can sign”)
- Opioid Agreement (aka Pain Agreement)
- CCOW enhancement (eliminate iMed sign-on)
- Signature for receipt of drugs in pharmacy

Oxygen safety documents will be released in the “Python” update (the patch after “Otter”)

6. **CPRS v27**

The group briefly discussed CPRS v27. No affects on iMedConsent operability whatsoever have been attributed to this update.

7. **Drug Information Updates**

A participant on the call asked how often the Drug Information sheets in iMedConsent are updated. Paul Miller at Dialog Medical indicated that these are updated quarterly.

8. **Informed Consent and Vision-Impaired Patients**

The group briefly discussed how blind or vision-impaired patients sign consent forms. No participants on the call had direct expertise in this area. If you have questions about a particular patient case, or a systematic issue where there is a concern that consent is or may not be adequately documented, the issue should be raised with local ethics resources (Ethics Consultation or Preventive Ethics).

9. **FY2009 iMedConsent Performance Monitor**

The FY2009 DUSHOM Performance Monitor will be released to the field in the coming weeks.