

If you cannot say yes or no because you do not understand:



The doctor or nurse can treat you if they think it is in the best interests of your health and safety.



If you are under 16 years old your parents can say yes or no to your treatment.



No one else can say yes or no for you unless they have been allowed by a judge in a court of law.



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In an emergency:



You may not be able to say yes or no because you are too ill.



Doctors and nurses can still treat you if it will save your life



or stop you coming to more harm

Consent



saying
YES



or No

Giving consent means saying YES or NO to something.



Before a doctor or nurse can treat you, they must ask you if it is ok.



Treatment is something a doctor or nurse gives you to make you feel better.



It can be an injection, an operation, some medication or something else.

You can say yes or no in different ways. You can:



say yes or no

make a sign



use pictures

sign a form

You can ask questions before you say yes or no.

You can ask:



what will happen?



why you need to have the treatment?



what might go wrong?



if something else can be done instead?



what will happen if you say no?

Your rights as a patient:



You have the right to say what you think about your health and care.



You have the right to say no.



You can have someone with you when you see the doctor or nurse.



You do not have to be seen by a student.



You can ask to see a different doctor or nurse.