

## PATIENT CONSENT FORM

The purpose of this form is to obtain consent to the publication of information about a patient in an IJS Publishing Group Ltd journal (e.g. IJS Case Reports, Annals of Medicine and Surgery, IJS Open, IJS oncology and IJS Short Reports). It has been developed in line with the best practice guidance put forth by the Committee on Publication Ethics.<sup>1</sup>

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- (1). Use of this consent form does not waive your right to privacy. The Information will be published without your name attached and IJS Publishing Group Ltd and its publishing partners will make every attempt to ensure your anonymity. You should understand, however, that complete anonymity cannot be guaranteed. It is possible that somebody somewhere perhaps, for example, somebody who looked after you when in hospital or a relative may identify you.
- (2). The text of the article will be edited for style, grammar, consistency, and length.
- (3). The Information may be published in the journal, which is online and freely accessible worldwide to both health professionals, journalists, the public and others. The material may subsequently be used in Microsoft PowerPoint or other presentations at seminars or conferences, etc.

https://publicationethics.org/files/Best Practices for Ensuring Consent for Publishing Medical Case Reports guidance from COPE.pdf (accessed 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017).

<sup>1.</sup> COPE. Journals' Best Practices for Ensuring Consent for Publishing Medical Case Reports [online]. Available at:



- (4). You can revoke your consent at any time before publication, but once the Information has been committed to publication ("gone to press") it will not be possible to revoke the consent.
- (5). Patients and their family should note, they cannot normally expect to derive any financial benefit from the publication of the case. If there is any financial or material benefit, this should be stated here:

- (6). If signing for a family or other group, I/we attest that all relevant members of the family or group have been informed.
- (7). An original of the signed form will be held at the treating institution and the authors may be required to prove that consent was obtained.
- (8). If proxy consent has been obtained, i.e. the patient doesn't have legal, mental or physical capacity to consent e.g. children, persons with cognitive or intellectual disabilities or deceased persons, then that should be explained here:

(9). The author taking consent attests that the treatment of the patient was in line with the Declaration of Helsinki 2013 and was line with institutional and nationally acceptable practice. The author attests that an informed consent process was followed when this form was completed, with the patient/relative given sufficient time to consider its implications and the permanency of publication.

Signed (patient/relative):	Date:				
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