

SYNOPSIS

“Evaluating Consent Form Compliance Practices to Enhance Legal and Ethical Standards in a Multispecialty Healthcare Institution”

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INTRODUCTION

Consent forms are vital legal and ethical documents that safeguard patient rights and hospital accountability in medical procedures. Incomplete or improperly filled consent forms can lead to legal challenges and compromise the hospital's indemnity. This study assesses the current practices in filling consent forms in a 600-bed multispecialty hospital in Pune, with the goal of identifying compliance gaps and recommending practical improvements.

RESEARCH QUESTION

What are the prevalent compliance issues in consent forms at the hospital, and how can the process be improved to ensure legal and ethical validity?

AIM AND OBJECTIVES

Aim:

To study the compliance rate of consent policies in a multispecialty hospital and recommend improvements.

Objectives:

- To study the types of consent forms and understand the hospital's consent policy.
- To evaluate the current compliance rate with respect to form completion.
- To identify gaps and suggest strategies for improving compliance.

DATA COLLECTION & ANALYSIS PLAN

Data will be collected from 100 randomly selected consent forms across various departments including Surgery, Anaesthesia, General Medicine, Oncology, and Gynaecology in a multispecialty hospital in Pune. A structured checklist will be used to evaluate compliance on parameters such as:

- Doctor's name and signature Date and time of consent
- Patient's name and signature Relative's name and signature
- Witness name and signature Completeness of form entries
- Correct placement of entries Availability of bilingual (English & Marathi) forms.

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