

General Consent at NTT Medical Center Tokyo

NTT 東日本関東病院における包括同意について

At NTT Medical Center Tokyo, medical care procedures and items are divided into those requiring official written informed consent and verbal explanation and consent. Many of the following medical care items and procedures do not require the presence of a physician, and there is minimal physical and mental stress on patients. In order to ensure the smooth progress of treatment, the following medical care items and procedures are conducted upon verbal explanation and consent. If you have any questions, please ask your physician or nurse.

Items included in the General Consent

General Services

Interview, visual and physical examination; measurement of temperature, height, weight, and blood pressure; rehabilitation; nutritional status evaluation, nutritional guidance, and dietary prescription.

Laboratory Tests/Monitoring

Blood tests; urinalysis; microbiological examination of pooled urine, sputum, and other samples; pathological and cytological examination of samples; physiological tests such as electrocardiography (ECG), sphygmography (pulse waves); pulmonary function, echocardiography, electroencephalography, ultrasonography, respirometry, expired gas analysis, electromyography (EMG), and thermography; plain x-ray and x-ray fluoroscopy ; plain CT and MRI; radioisotope (RI) tests; psychological tests; monitoring including ECG, transdermal oxygen saturation levels, arterial blood pressure, respiratory ventilation, bispectral index (BIS), and muscle relaxation; intradermal reaction tests (e.g., patch, intradermal, scratch, and tuberculin reactions and minimal erythema dose); and allergic skin tests. Blood tests to determine the presence or absence of infection of syphilis (Treponema antibody), hepatitis B (HBs antigen), hepatitis C (HCV antibody), HIV antibody (AIDS), which will be necessary for medical treatment such as surgery, dialysis, and angiography.

For patient safety, conditions of patients are being monitored and recorded by video cameras in the Special Care Units (ICU, CCU, SCU), HCU, 4C, 8A, 9A, ward, gamma-knife center, operating rooms, radiation therapy room, MRI examination room, CT examination room, angiography room, interventional radiology examination room, and endoscopy room, when required for treatment. Recorded images will be saved for a period specified by our internal regulations.

Treatment

Aspiration of sputum; nasal catheterization; indwelling bladder catheterization; examination and treatment of dental caries (tooth decay), periodontal disease, and dentures; and oral care.

Medication/Administration

Routine medication, routine injections, peripheral intravenous cannulation (establishment of an intravenous line), continuous subcutaneous cannulation, and oxygenation. Even though the above medical treatment are performed by qualified medical personnel with appropriate levels of experience, complications such as bleeding may occur. In such cases, the complication is treated under ordinary health insurance coverage. We would like you to understand this arrangement in advance.

Communication of medication information when performing surgeries/ treatments that involve bleeding.

For treatments such as surgery that involve bleeding, depending on the kind of medication you are normally taking, there is a possibility that we cannot perform the surgery/ treatment unless you temporarily stop taking that medication. Please inform the staff in detail about the medication you are taking when you are scheduled for a surgery or treatment involving the possibility of bleeding. If we are not informed about the detailed information of your medication and the surgery or treatment is called off, the patient may be held responsible for the expenses.

Team Activities

In order for us to enhance patient's care, teams such as Infection Control Team, Nutrition Support Team, Palliative Care Team, Preventive Management for Diabetes Dialysis Team, Dementia Care & Restraint-Free Care Team, Urinary Continence Care Team, Pressure Ulcer Care Team, Neuropsychiatry Liaison Team, and Heart Care Team may be involved in treatment in addition to a team of clinical department, as needed.

Medical Coordinator for International Patients and Medical Interpreter

We accept non-Japanese patients while providing medical information in multiple languages, and accommodating cross-cultural, and religious consideration. We cooperate environmental improvement which Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare of Japan promote for non-Japanese patients to receive medical treatment at ease. When necessary for smooth and safe medical treatment, a Medical Coordinator for International Patients and/or Medical Interpreter (including on-line interpreter) will support medical treatment at clinical practices. In that case, we ask for your understanding and cooperation. When family members or companions interpret for the International Patient, please understand that there is a risk of interpretation errors or ethical problems.

Participation of Students/Trainees in Treatment/Care

We are a clinical training designated hospital that meets the designated standards set by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare. Initial clinical residents are involved in medical practice under appropriate guidance. In addition, as our hospital is also a clinical training institution that fosters medical professionals, students and trainees may participate in tours, practices, and trainings under strict supervision. In that case, we ask for your understanding and cooperation.

Privacy

At our hospital, it is prohibited to take photos or videos with a camera or smartphone, etc. in order to prevent the breach of privacy to others.

Providing information to dispensing pharmacies

For smooth cooperation to improve the safety of medication therapy, we will provide information such as the patient's medication history profile, history of side effect, laboratory data, and explanations about the medication to dispensing pharmacies and other medical institutions as needed.

Religion and Culture

While we will do our best to accommodate different religion and cultures, we may not be able to meet your requests for the gender of medical staffs and your dietary restrictions. We will not be performing any surgery for those patients who do not accept any blood transfusion.

Jurisdiction of Court

The Tokyo District Court is the exclusive court of jurisdiction for the first instance for any legal matters or disagreements regarding our clinical practice or interpretation/translation services relating to clinical practices, and/or office procedures.

Governing Law

Any matter in our hospital will be interpreted and dealt with according to the Japanese law.

Date : _____

Signature : _____

Patient ID number : _____