

This form was developed using plain language principles. The form is intended to be easy to read, understand, and use.

Permission for a Telemedicine Consult – SAMPLE

Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Your doctor wants to use telemedicine. This form includes:

- Reason for the telemedicine visit: _____
- Consulting doctor's name: _____
- Answers to some common questions about telemedicine.
- A permission statement for you and your doctor to sign.

What is telemedicine?

- Telemedicine is a way for your doctor to help a consulting doctor at a different site examine you.
- Your doctor may share your medical record, test results, and medical pictures with the consulting doctor.
- Telemedicine is a system that uses pictures, video, and sound.
- The telemedicine system:
 - Is located in your room and the consulting doctor's room.
 - Helps you and your doctor see and talk to the consulting doctor who is at a different site.

What is a consulting doctor?

- The consulting doctor is a different doctor at a different site.
- The consulting doctor partners with your doctor to decide how to treat you.

How is telemedicine the same as an in-person visit?

- Your doctor is in the room with you.
- Your doctor does the physical exam.
- Your doctor writes a note in your medical record.

How is telemedicine different than an in-person visit?

- There may be more people in the room with you.
 - These are the people who work the telemedicine system.

How can telemedicine help you?

- You can stay closer to home.
- Your doctor may be able to start treatment sooner.

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What could go wrong with telemedicine?

- The telemedicine system may not work as planned.
- The telemedicine system may break down.

What choices do you have?

- You can travel to a consulting doctor to have an in-person visit.
- You can decide not to have the telemedicine visit.

What are your rights?

- You can stop the telemedicine visit at any time.
- You can ask the consulting doctor NOT to share certain information with people who work the telemedicine system.
- You can ask people who are working the telemedicine system to leave the room.

What are some common reasons for stopping a telemedicine visit?

- The telemedicine system is not working as planned.
- The telemedicine system breaks down.
- You are unhappy with using the telemedicine system.
- Your doctor is unhappy with using the telemedicine system.

Is your health information private?

- There are special safeguards to keep your information private.
- Only the people who are in your exam room and the people in the consulting doctor's office can see or hear you.

What must your doctor do before you sign this permission form?

- Answer your questions about using telemedicine.
- Tell you what could happen if you do not use telemedicine.

What must you do before you sign this permission form?

- Make sure your doctor answers your questions about using telemedicine.
- Understand what can happen if you choose not to use telemedicine.

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Permission Statement

My doctor answered my questions. I understand how telemedicine helps me. I give my doctor permission to use telemedicine.

Patient, Parent, or Legal Representative Signature Date and Time

If you are a legal representative, what is your relationship to the patient?

Signature of Doctor

Date and Time

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