

## Consent to treatment

When you are age 18 or older and you come for a doctor's visit, you will be asked to consent to treatment by the doctor. There is usually a form you will be asked to sign.



**Remember these rules:** When you sign your name, it means you agree with what is written on the page.

- Don't sign your name if you don't understand the form.
- You have the right to ask someone to explain it to you.
- You also can ask someone you trust to help you decide if you should sign it.

**A consent to treatment form** usually has 4 different parts:

1. Do you agree to have the doctor talk to you, exam you and give you advice?
2. Do you understand that the doctor's team promises to keep your info private?
3. Do you agree to let your insurance pay for the visit?
4. If your insurance won't pay, do you know you will be asked to pay yourself?

**If you answer yes to each question, then you can sign the form.**

**Consent for a special test or procedure** should explain:

- why you are having the test,
- what will happen during the test,
- what choices you have besides saying yes to the test,
- what problems might happen during the test, and
- what problems might happen if you do not have the test.



**Make sure you understand the answers to your questions before you sign.**