

Minor Consent

Purpose Define protocol for acceptance of Allogeneic minor donors consent, and who can sign that consent.

- Policy**
- Sections 1607.5 (a) and (b) of the California Health and Safety Code allows for donors who have attained the age of 15 to donate blood providing:
 - They have a written consent (in ink, not pencil) of their parents or guardian and a written authorization of a physician or surgeon.
 - Minors are defined as young adults between 15 years of age and up to 17 years of age.
 - Young adults between 17 and 18 are considered adults in California for the purposes of donating their blood and as such do not need to obtain parental consent to donate.
 - Blood donors younger than 16 years of age are not accepted as blood donor at KP Blood Donor Center Mobile Drives.
 - Consent forms can be signed by:
 - Parents – with positive ID
 - Legal guardian – with positive ID
 - Immediate family member (grandparent, aunt, uncle) – with positive ID
 - Identification must be consistent with regional policy, see Verification of Blood Donor Identification.
 - A written note or faxed consent in lieu of an individual with positive ID is **NOT** acceptable.
 - The Blood Donor Center MD/Designee can be the authorizing physician.
 - The parent or legal guardian must be informed that if there are any positive test results resulting from a minor's donation, that the information is given to the minor and not the parent or legal guardian unless there is written authorization by the minor donor.
 - A trained lead RN or Charge RN may act as the authorizing physician providing the Donor Center MD has approved that person as a designee for the purpose of authorizing blood donations from minors.
 - For Donor Centers using rotating Lead RNs, a current list of designees and a description of Lead RN primary function will be kept on file locally.

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Process

The following process describes how to qualify RNs..	
Stage	Action
1.	The RN must have training in assessing minors as blood donors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will need to be part of their job description or competency performance. • Does not need to be a lead RN, but a trained and qualified RN.
2	The Donor Center Medical Director (DC MD) must approve each individual lead RN before they are able to authorize the blood donation of a minor. Upon approval of the DC MD the lead RN will be able to authorize the collection of whole blood from a minor as a designee of the DC MD.

Process

The following process describes how to obtain consents at a mobile blood drive ..	
Stage	Action
1.	Consents from High Schools may be collected by the High School administration. These consents are usually good for a specific blood drive date.
2	It is advisable to attempt to receive a copy of the consent form or a list of those students who have valid consents PRIOR to the blood drive, to avoid any unauthorized blood collections.
3	Attach copy of consent form to the DHQ.

Uncontrolled Documents

Sections 1607.5 (a) and (b) of the California Health and Safety Code
 California Family Code section 6926(a)

Controlled Documents

Attachment A Assessment of 16 y/o at Mobile Drives Qualifying RN Training and Competency

Attachment B Medical Director’s Attestation

Attachment C Consent to Donate: Minor

Attachment D List of Qualified RNs

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New					
Major .01	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Added the new Stat regulations about having physician oversight on minor donors. Described how to qualify RN to act in stead of the MD. Added MD attestation and competency for RNs. 	Ginny Tyler Oct. 16, 2009	All approved by Aug. 13, 2009	N.A.	
Major .02	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Added the comment that the guardian must be informed that positive test result information goes to the donor, not the parent or guardian. Legal reviewed the revised letter. Approved. 	Ginny Tyler June 23, 2010	All approved by June 23, 2010	N.A.	
Minor V0.03	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Added that the consent needs to be completed in ink not pencil. Reformatted Removed having the RN enter a comment in ST that the consent was obtained, it is already a required field. 	Nov. 18, 2011	N.A.	N.A.	

IMP = Implemented

MasterControl History of Change:

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Minor	5	Replaced KQE with name of procedure. Defined the minor donor, young adult donor. Added references to CA codes/law