

**If you cannot say yes or no  
because you do not understand:**



**The doctor or nurse  
can treat you if they  
think it is in the best  
interests of your  
health and safety.**



**If you are under 16  
years old, your parents  
can say yes or no to  
your treatment.**



**No one else can say  
yes or no for you  
unless they have been  
allowed by a judge in  
a court of law.**



**In an emergency:**



**You may not be able  
to say yes or no  
because you are too ill.**



**Doctors and nurses can  
still treat you if it will  
save your life**



**or stop you coming to  
more harm.**

## Consent



**saying YES**



**or NO**

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**Giving consent means saying YES or NO to something.**



**Before a doctor or nurse can treat you, they must ask you if it is ok.**



**Treatment is something a doctor or nurse gives you to make you feel better.**



**It can be an injection, an operation, some medication or something else.**

**You can say yes or no in different ways. You can:**



**say yes or no**



**make a sign**



**use pictures**

**sign a form**

**You can ask questions before you say yes or no.**

**You can ask:**



**what will happen?**



**why you need to have the treatment?**



**what might go wrong?**



**if something else can be done instead?**



**what will happen if you say no?**

**Your rights as a patient:**



**You have the right to say what you think about your health and care.**



**You have the right to say no.**



**You can have someone with you when you see the doctor or nurse.**



**You do not have to be seen by a student.**



**You can ask to see a different doctor or nurse.**