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## PURPOSE:

To ensure that the school clinic obtain informed consent from parent or legal guardian prior to giving health care intervention /treatment to their child.

## POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of Emirates Future Int'l Academy to provide sufficient information enable to the parent or legal guardian to make an informed decision about whether to consent or to refuse the intervention or the treatment.

## SCOPE:

Consent applies to all intervention/treatment outlined in this policy

## TARGET AUDIENCE:

This includes the school nurse, physician, parent/ legal guardian, student and the school staff.

## RESPONSIBILITY:

- The admission staff is responsible for obtaining General Informed Consent for treatment.
- The School Nurse is responsible for obtaining specific informed consent for vaccination, medication, School infection control, notification of head lice, and other general illness or injury.

## PROCEDURE:

Every student has the right to receive intervention/treatment after the parent or legal guardian has received sufficient information about the risks and benefits or taking or not the intervention or the treatment.

Consent is valid only when the seven critical elements of a valid consent are present

- a) Competency – refers to the decision making ability of the consent giver.
- b) Capacity to make treatment decisions –refers to the intellectual ability to reach the reasoned choice about treatment
- c) Disclosure of information –the health care provider informs the consent giver of the details of the intervention, probable risks and benefits, treatment alternatives and consequences of refusing treatment.
- d) Specificity – must be specific for the procedure to be performed
- e) Opportunity for questions and answers –questions answered in an understandable fashion, to allow time to integration of the information and to avoid rushing the consent process.
- f) Voluntariness – must be free of misrepresentation of material information
  - The parent or the legal guardian may ask to sign a form documenting their consent to or refusal of intervention or treatment.





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- Parent or legal guardian are required to submit to the school clinic, through the admission office the following forms:
  - a) Medical history and Consent Declaration
  - b) Immunization record
  - c) Consent for the administration of medication
- As and when it is appropriate, parent or legal guardian may receive the following notification from the School Nurse
  - a) Vaccination consent
  - b) other general illness or injury
  - c) comprehensive and preventive screening consent
- These forms/ declarations are provided in the attachment section in which parent or legal guardian may detach for use and submission.
- Written consent is documented and attached in the students health record along with documentation of the intervention /treatment provided.
- In an emergency, the parent or legal guardians contacted to decide whether to accept or refuse intervention or treatment
- If the parent or legal guardian refuses for intervention/treatment they should be appropriately informed regarding the impact of such refusal and it is properly documented in the student's health record.
- The School clinic does not provide consent for intervention/treatment that are not necessary. However, those decisions will be made on case to case basis considering what is in the best interest of the student.

## DEFINITIONS:

- Consent –Authorization for treatment or care given by the patient to a health care provider
- Informed Consent –Permission given by the patient to a health care provider to perform certain procedures, treatments or care that could influence are reasonable person in deciding whether or not to consent.
- Legal guardian –a person who has been appointed by a judge to take care of a minor child or manage that person's affairs.
- Interventions –refers ton procedures or applications that are intended to relieve illness or injury.





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## ATTACHMENTS

- Medical history Consent Declaration.
- Consent to Administer Prescribed Medication
- Vaccination consent
- Comprehensive and Preventive Screening Consent

## REFERENCE:

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