

INFORMED CONSENT QUESTIONS



Informed consent is a fundamental element of medical ethics. Patients have the right to ask medical professionals questions about their recommended treatments so they can make well-considered choices about care. Here are some examples of questions parents of children with life-limiting illnesses may want to ask medical professionals before any procedure:

- Is this an emergency, or do we have time to talk?
- What are the benefits of doing this?
- What are the risks?
- If we do this, what other procedures or treatments might we end up needing as a result?
- What else could we try first or instead?
- What would happen if we waited an hour or two (a day or two, a week or two, etc.) before doing it?
- What would happen if we didn't do it at all?