

# Physician MEMO

To | All Providers  
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Re | Consent Update

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## Patient Care Forms: Consent Update Effective: Immediately

Historically we have not included “time” on the signature line on consent forms based on the requirements for consent outlined by the CMS COPs. We have learned from another Novant Health facility, however, that the Joint Commission considers consents as documentation in the medical record and has determined that “time” is a required element along with the healthcare provider’s signature and date. Effective immediately, all consents that require a healthcare provider’s signature now have “time” added to the signature line. Please discard all old documents and ensure that you are utilizing the new forms and including time with your signature. If you have any questions, please contact Meredith Savage at [masavage@novanthealth.org](mailto:masavage@novanthealth.org) or 718-5765.

Document	Form #	Change	Available NOW to print off Intranet	Available NOW to order through RRD Custom Point or Lawson
<b>ALL Consents Except generic consent (900003)- See below</b>	<b>Varies</b>	<b>Added time to healthcare provider’s signature line on consents</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Operative, Procedure or Treatment Consent</b>	<b>900003</b>	<b>Added time to healthcare provider’s signature line on consent</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>