

Phlebotomy Consent template

PATIENT CONSENT: This is an informed consent form that has been prepared to help inform you of the potential benefits and risks of phlebotomy. It is important that you read this information carefully and discuss fully with your practitioner before proceeding with treatment.

The purpose of this consent form is to inform clients about the phlebotomy procedures performed at [clinic name], and to help you make an informed decision about having blood taken.

The following procedures may be performed:

1. Phlebotomy – the inserting of a needle into the arm of another person for the purpose of withdrawing blood.
2. Finger Prick – the inserting of a lancet into the finger of another person for the purpose of withdrawing blood

Phlebotomy is the drawing of blood using a needle system. Blood tests are conducted to check various parameters in the blood.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Phlebotomy is the process of drawing blood from a patient for diagnostics. Here's a basic overview of how it's done:

1. Preparation: The phlebotomist gathers the necessary supplies, including sterile needles, vacutainer tubes, and plaster unless allergic). They also verify the patient's identity and ensure they are in a comfortable position.
2. Vein Selection: The phlebotomist selects a suitable vein for blood collection, typically in the arm. They may use a tourniquet to make the vein more visible and easier to access.
3. Cleaning the Site: The area around the selected vein is cleaned with an antiseptic to prevent infection.
4. Insertion: Using a sterile needle attached to a collection tube, the phlebotomist punctures the skin and enters the vein to draw blood. The patient may feel a brief sting or prick.
5. Blood Collection: Once the needle is properly positioned in the vein, blood flows into the collection tube(s). Multiple tubes may be used to collect different types of samples.
6. Removing the Needle: After the required amount of blood is collected, the phlebotomist removes the needle and applies pressure to the puncture site to stop bleeding.
7. Bandaging: An adhesive strip is placed over the puncture site to protect it and promote healing.

8. Labelling and Transport: The collected blood samples are labelled with the patient's information and the type of test(s) to be conducted. They are then properly stored and transported to the laboratory for analysis.

Throughout the process, phlebotomists follow strict safety protocols to minimize the risk of contamination and ensure the well-being of the patient.

As with any procedure there are potential risks and complications associated. Phlebotomy is a safe and low risk procedure, but you must be aware of the following possible risks before proceeding. You must fully discuss any questions with your practitioner.

RISKS AND SIDE EFFECTS: Common side effects of phlebotomy include pain during the procedure, tenderness over the injection site after the procedure, bruising and bleeding. Some people feel faint when they have a blood test, it is important that you tell your practitioner if you feel faint during the procedure and lay down flat as soon as possible if this occurs. Some people can have difficult veins to draw blood from, if this is the case your practitioner may require more than one attempt to draw the blood successfully. Rarely your practitioner may fail to draw blood and abandon any further attempts.

Rare risks include more extensive bruising (haematoma), skin infection (cellulitis), vein inflammation (thrombophlebitis), accidental arterial puncture causing pain and bruising, nerve injury causing temporary pins and needles or numbness to the affected area in the hand or arm.

I have been asked what information I want and would need in order to make an informed decision. I have been given the opportunity to discuss my desired outcome fully in order for me to make an informed decision.

INFORMED CONSENT: I am over 18 years old and aware of the possible risks and benefits associated with phlebotomy and finger stick procedures. I certify that I have read the above consent and that I fully understand it. I agree to abide by the safety rules and regulations promulgated by the clinic as they relate to my participation in these procedures. I have made the phlebotomist aware of any pre-existing condition (such as seizure disorder, bleeding disorder, etc.) that I have that might put me or others at risk through my participation.

I hereby consent to having my blood taken. I have made above as my own free act. This constitutes the full disclosure and supersedes any previous verbal or written disclosures.

PATIENT NAME

PATIENT SIGNATURE

MEDICAL CARE AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: In the event of an accident or medical emergency, it is the client's option whether or not to seek medical care or go to an emergency department. If the incident involved blood or body secretion contamination, it is recommended that the client immediately obtain an HIV, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C determination (blood test available from the clinic via Medichecks).

Medical care is the financial responsibility of the client. If you choose to seek medical care, go to an emergency department, or obtain HIV or Hepatitis testing, the client is responsible for these costs.

I understand my medical care options and financial responsibility if I choose to seek medical care in case of an accident or medical emergency.

CLIENT NAME

CLIENT SIGNATURE