Informed Consent

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I didn't ask you to undress so I could examine you. I asked you to undress because it's essential to the doctor-patient relationship that I be fully clothed and you be sitting there in your underwear.
The transformative power of consent

CONSENT MAKES THE IMPERMISSIBLE, PERMISSIBLE
Informed Consent

EXERCISE AUTONOMY
Words Matter

“Getting consent”

vs

Understanding goals & aiding in a decision
Valid Informed consent

- Voluntary
- Competence
- Disclosure
- Understanding
- Authorization
When is consent required?

Nature and Consequences of the decision
When must a rare risk of harm be disclosed?

• It depends
  • Nature of the potential harm
  • Likelihood disclosure would alter decision
Sliding scale of informational need

- Amount/type
- Minimum Necessary
- Contextualized
LISTEN!