ICU CONSENT

I, ___________________________________________________________________________________________ (patient/person responsible)

understand that _____________________________________________________________________________________(the patient) requires
Intensive Care admission for a life threatening or potentially life threatening condition.

Intensive Care admission may include any or all of a number of complex procedures and treatments
detailed in the booklet “Alfred Intensive Care Unit Information about Procedures and Treatments”
which is available in the ICU reception. This information is also available on the Alfred ICU website
(www.alfredicu.org.au) in the “For Visitors” section.

I have read and understood the Alfred Intensive Care Unit Information about Procedures and Treatments
booklet. I understand that the ICU Staff will not be seeking consent for individual procedures/treatments
listed in the booklet. I have had the opportunity to ask questions about the procedures listed and these
questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

I consent to ICU admission and the procedures/treatments that are integral to ICU admission.

Signature of patient/person responsible: ___________________________________________________________________________________________

Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Signature of Doctor: ___________________________________________________________________________________________

Name of Doctor: ___________________________________________________________________________________________

Note: This consent form remains valid for the duration of the patient’s hospital admission.
If the patient can’t consent

If a patient is not capable of consenting to his/her own treatment, consent should be obtained from the ‘person responsible’ (as described in section 37 of the Guardianship & Administration Act 1986), unless the treatment / procedure is a true emergency (refer to Alfred Health Guideline, Consent: Emergencies).

Who is the ‘person responsible’?

The ‘person responsible’ is the first person in the list below who is reasonably available and who is willing to make a decision regarding administration of treatment:

1. a person appointed by the patient under Medical Treatment Act (usually someone with an enduring Power of Attorney (Medical Treatment)) - uncommon;
2. a person appointed by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) to make decisions in relation to the proposed treatment - uncommon;
3. a person appointed under a Guardianship Order (by VCAT) with power to make decisions regarding the proposed treatment - uncommon;
4. a person appointed by the patient (before the patient became incompetent) as an enduring guardian with power to make decisions regarding the proposed treatment - uncommon;
5. a person appointed by the patient in writing (before the patient became incompetent) to make decisions about medical treatment including the proposed treatment - uncommon;
6. the most common ‘person responsible’ is the patient’s spouse or domestic partner, including same sex partner (note there is no requirement that the patient and partner live under the same roof – so long as they have a relationship as a couple and one or both provides personal or financial commitment and support of a domestic nature for the material benefit of the other);
7. the patient’s primary carer (including carers in receipt of a Centrelink carer’s payment) but excluding other paid carers or service providers;
8. the patient’s nearest relative over the age of 18 years, in the following order of preference (the oldest person in each category taking precedence):
   a. son or daughter
   b. father or mother
   c. brother or sister (including adopted persons and ‘step’ relationships)
   d. grandfather or grandmother
   e. grandson or granddaughter
   f. uncle or aunt
   g. nephew or niece.

Further assistance?

Refer to Alfred Health Policies available on the Alfred Health Intranet including –
Alfred Health Consent Flow Chart
Consent – Competent Persons
Consent – Incompetent Persons (Guideline reference for s. 42k forms)
Consent – Emergencies
Refusal and Non-Initiation of Treatment and Advanced Care Plans
Guardianship, Powers of Attorney & Consent
Consent – Non-psychiatric Treatment for Involuntary Psychiatric Patients
Consent – Designated Officer Guideline
Consent – Autopsies
Organ & Tissue Donation Overview

And also to
www.publicadvocate.vic.gov.au Go to Medical Consent, then Forms (for section 42k forms)