What is EIDO Educate?

Part of our Consent Suite of Information and Education, EIDO Educate is a comprehensive e-learning course with a simple goal: to train health professionals and medical students in the medico-legal principles of consent and ethics to treatment.

The content is written by Professor Vivienne Harpwood, Emerita Professor of Law at Cardiff University. It includes links to case reports and important professional and policy documents, including information relating to legal and ethical issues in consent to treatment during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Professor Harpwood has many years’ experience leading training seminars for health professionals from all disciplines. She has been involved with the NHS for many years and has published widely on medico-legal matters. She recently joined the Education Department of the International UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, participating as a panel member in a series of international webinars and delivering modules on consent to treatment and clinical negligence. Professor Harpwood has practised as a barrister and been a member of several bodies established by the UK Government to make recommendations on issues of strategic medico-legal importance.

Accredited by the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland and CPD UK, the course carries 8 CPD points. Clinicians tend to re-take the course every 3 years to ensure they stay up to date with changing laws and cases. Never has it been so important for all levels of clinicians and medical students to have a proper understanding of their responsibilities, and to obtain consent to treatment within the boundaries set by the law.

Training medical students at higher education level ahead of qualification is key. By having a workforce cognisant in the laws and ethics of informed consent, patients, clinicians and hospitals are all protected.

In 2015 the Supreme Court issued its landmark judgement in the case of Montgomery v Lanarkshire Health Board, profoundly changing the landscape of consent. The new approach is now unambiguously patient-centred, and health professionals and those in training must adapt to it. Educate is a self-managed online course designed to run with existing medical training solely focused on consent and ethics.

How does EIDO Educate work?

EIDO Educate is delivered digitally, structured in a modular fashion and begins by covering the basic foundations of consent in four core modules. The 2021 version includes links to real cases, videos and further information on content. This helps surgeons, nurses and medical students to find out more about a key subject if needed. The new version also delves into the ethical issues surrounding consent including those raised by Covid-19 and long Covid. The course is updated annually and can be retaken as and when appropriate.

The Educate subscription package also includes access to the EIDO annual Patient Consent Review.

For further details visit eidohealthcare.com or call +44 115 878 1000.
For over 20 years, EIDO Healthcare has been providing resources and support to help health professionals reduce the risk of litigation, specifically in the area of informed consent to surgery and medical treatment.

Today, the EIDO suite of risk-management consent tools are used in over 1000 hospitals in the UK and internationally. Over 8 million patients each year benefit from our informed-consent resources. This is only set to increase with the launch of the EIDO Inform Consent Suite; a range of digital consent products that can help even more patients as well as reducing the risk of litigation. EIDO Healthcare is committed to helping our customers achieve excellence in the vital areas of informed consent and clinical governance.

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