



Regional Health Information Organization

INFORMATION FOR MINOR CONSENTED SERVICES

[ONLY USE FOR MINOR PATIENTS RECEIVING
SPECIALLY PROTECTED SERVICES]

You are receiving this form because you are younger than 18 and seeing a doctor for care related to sexual activity, drugs and/or alcohol or mental health. State law gives you special privacy protections if you do not want your health information shared with other doctors.

What is the Rochester RHIO?

Think of the Rochester RHIO as a social network like Facebook, except the information is only shared with your doctors. The Rochester Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO) is a secure health information system that doctors use to help treat their patients. It allows doctors see patient information electronically such as your test results, lab reports, and medications you take.

Through the consent form, you can decide whether to share all your health information with your doctor. The Rochester RHIO will NOT share your health information with your parents.

What happens if I "deny consent," or say "no" to the Rochester RHIO? If you say "no" today, then none of your medical information will be available to any doctor electronically through the Rochester RHIO, unless you say "yes" in the future. That includes information from today's visit, future visits and all past appointments with any doctor, including those who previously had permission to see your records electronically.

But, if you have a life-threatening emergency, doctors can still use the Rochester RHO to see your health information.

If I say "no," today, can I change my mind later? Yes. You can sign a new consent form at a later date if you want your information available electronically to doctors using the Rochester RHIO.

Will my parents know if I say "no"? No. The Rochester RHIO will not share any information with your parents.

What happens if I "give consent," or say "yes" to the Rochester RHIO? Your doctor, and the other doctors, nurses and other healthcare providers and staff in the same medical office or hospital, will be able to view your health information electronically. Doctors in other offices or hospitals would need your consent to see your health information through the Rochester RHIO.

This DOES NOT mean that your parent / guardian will see information related to this visit. Your personal health information is still protected by the laws and professional rules that require doctors to keep their patients' information private. Parents cannot use the Rochester RHIO to see medical information.