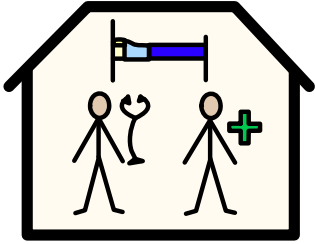


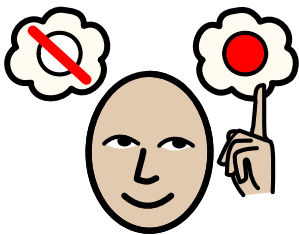
## Giving consent



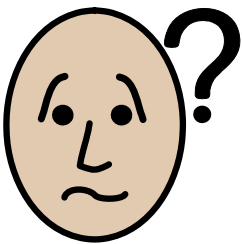
You are coming to hospital to see a doctor or nurse. They may need to do something to make you feel better. This could be doing some tests or having an operation.



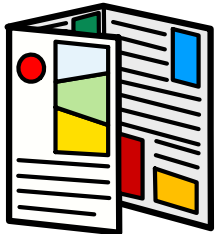
The doctors and nurses will tell you what they plan to do. They will ask if you agree. This is called 'giving consent'.



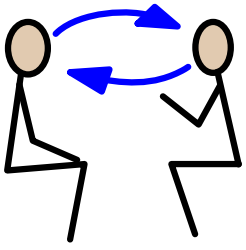
Giving consent means you can say 'yes' or 'no' to their plan. We want you to be happy you have made the right choice.



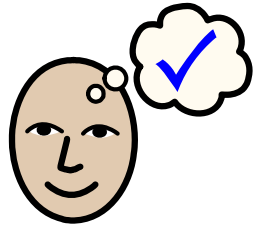
Before you make any decisions, someone will check that you understand what is involved and what choices you have. You might find it easy to decide some things but others can be more difficult.



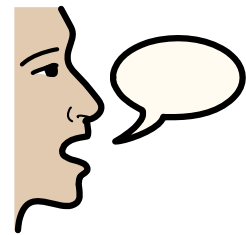
Before you decide, they will tell you what they plan to do and why. They may give you a leaflet as well.



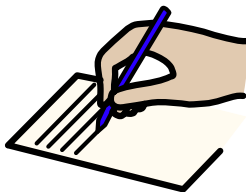
You can talk to someone about what the doctors and nurses have said. They can ask questions too.



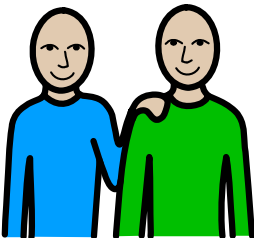
You should be sure you understand before you decide to give consent or not.



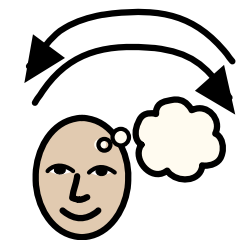
The doctors and nurses may ask you to tell them what you have decided.



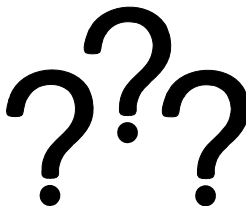
They may ask you to sign a form that shows your decision. This is called a consent form.



Sometimes the grown up who looks after you may sign the form instead. They should still ask you what you think before they sign.



You can change your mind at any time. Even if you have already said yes or signed a form.



Please ask us if you have any questions.