



Health & Disability
Advocacy Service
Ngā Kaitautoko



Health Decisions



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IN YOUR COMMUNITY



People with intellectual disability have the right to make their own decisions and have those decisions respected.



People with intellectual disability must have opportunities to make their own decisions.



People with intellectual disability must have:

- Enough time
- The right information
- The right support

To make and communicate their own decisions.



You have the right to give:

- **Informed consent**
- **Active consent**

When you make health decisions.



Informed consent is when you fully understand a decision before you say “yes” or “no.”

It means you understand:

- The risks
- The options
- What could happen if you say “yes” and what could happen if you say “no.”





Active consent is when you say “yes” to something because you want to do it. It means you show your agreement clearly.



If you need medical treatment and it is in your **best interests**, then it could still happen even if you cannot give consent.



Your **best interests** means someone else thinks you need medical treatment and it is right for you.



The person or people deciding to give you medical treatment must think about:

- Your wants
- Your feelings
- Your beliefs
- Your values



To make this decision.

Your rights to:

- Give informed consent
- Have your best interests looked after

Are both part of Right 7 in the **Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights.**

Your Rights when receiving a health or disability service
Ōu Tika me to whāwhāinga ratonga hauora, hanatanga rānei

The Code of Rights means that you should have:
 Mā tēnei Ture Tika i Ōu Tika, ka ahei kia u nga tikanga:

1. Respect / Mana
2. Fair treatment / Manaakitanga
3. Dignity and independence / Tū rangatira motuhake
4. Appropriate standards / Taitikanga
5. Effective communication / Whakawhiringa-whakawiri
6. Information / Whakamohio
7. Choice and consent / Whakaritenga mōu ake
8. Support / Tautoko
9. Rights during teaching and research / Ake me te rangahau
10. Your complaints taken seriously / Amarama

For support and information, contact your local advocate or the Health and Disability Commissioner:
 Mō ngā kōwhiri tautoko, whāwhāinga, whakapiri me te reanga tamariki i tenei pūtea, ki te Tuhua Hauora, Hanatanga

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