

## Interview Schedule and Topic Guide

### Opening

- Introduce self, study purpose (to learn more information from patients about experiences and what they feel is important when granting consent to an operation).
- Allow time to read information sheet and consent form, and allow questions

Question guide (used as prompts; allow participants to speak freely beyond any of these issues)

- Previous experiences of consent:
  - Have you ever given consent for an operation before?
  - What was your experience of giving consent for that previous operation/procedure?
  - What was important to you when you gave consent for that previous operation/procedure?
- Current experience of consent
  - What happened to make you need this operation?
  - What is your understanding of what the operation entails and is supposed to achieve?
  - What was your experience of giving consent for this current operation?
  - What's important to you when you give consent for this current operation?
  - How would you compare this process of giving consent to the previous time(s)?
  - Tell me what you think it means legally now that you have signed a consent form
- Important factors/risks in giving consent:
  - Is there anything that is particularly important to you when you give consent for an operation like this?
  - Were there any risks you felt were particularly important to you?
  - Were there any of those risks that would have changed your decision making?
- Good aspects and improvements to the consent process
  - Was there anything that could have been improved?
  - What was good about this process of giving consent?
  - Did you feel informed?

### Close

- Any questions you would like to ask us?

- Anything you feel we have missed/not covered?
- Give thanks