LEARNING OBJECTIVES

To demonstrate ability to obtain informed consent by the provision of information on risks, benefits and alternatives to treatment

SCENARIO

Consent

EQUIPMENT LIST

Blank consent forms
Departmental Blood Transfusion Leaflets/consent documents

PERSONNEL

MINIMUM: 1
Candidate

FACULTY

MINIMUM: 1
Facilitator

TIME REQUIREMENTS

15mins
INFORMATION TO CANDIDATE

SCENARIO BACKGROUND

Task One:
Mrs Belinda Shaw is on the antenatal ward. She is being induced at T+12 in her first pregnancy. She has had two cycles of propess. Her cervix remains closed and the plan is to perform a Category 3 caesarean section. Please obtain her consent.

Task Two:
Mrs Jacinta Clow is on the postnatal ward. She is day 1 after an emergency caesarean section for fetal distress. Today her Hb is 72g/L. She feels light headed and fatigued. Please consent her for a blood transfusion.

RCOG CURRICULUM MAPPING

Module 4: Ethics and Legal Issues
Understanding Legal and Ethical Issue of Consent
INFORMATION FOR ROLEPLAYERS

BACKGROUND

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RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS
INFORMATION TO FACILITATOR

SCENARIO DIRECTION

**Caesarean Section**
- Introduction
- Explains procedure
- Explains intended benefit
- Identifies alternatives
- Systematic approach to describing risk (maternal/fetal/future/serious/frequent)
- Identifies extra procedures that may be required
- Offers written information
- Proposed anaesthetic

**Blood Transfusion**
- Indication for transfusion
- Risks (transfusion reaction/infection/unable to donate blood)
- Benefits
- Alternatives
- Confirms no religious/moral objections
SCENARIO DEBRIEF

TOPICS TO DISCUSS

RCOG Obtaining valid consent and presenting information on risk
GMC Consent: Patients and Doctors making decisions together 2008
www.rcog.org.uk/womens-health/clinical-guidance/presenting-information-risk

Division of risk – present/future, frequent/rare, serious
Use of numbers to describe risk vs descriptive terms
Implications of Montgomery Case- patient centred consent
Importance of alternatives to treatment
Documentation

REFERENCES