

Standard 9. Consent

Standard

Registered Dietitians obtain appropriate **client consent** in the delivery of **professional services**.

Indicators

To demonstrate this standard, Registered Dietitians will:

- Provide clients with complete and objective information regarding the risks, benefits, and options for treatment and/or professional services.
- Obtain client consent prior to the delivery of services and document as required.
- Inform clients in a timely manner of proposed changes to the agreed-upon intervention plan and/or provide new information relevant to consent.
- Respect the client's right to: make choices, consult, and request additional information; refuse proposed interventions; and withdraw previously provided consent at any time.
- Obtain approval from the appropriate research ethics board and consent from clients participating in research studies.

Practice Outcome

Clients can expect Registered Dietitians to obtain consent in the delivery of professional services.

Related Standards

- Assessment and Interventions
- Client-Centred Care
- Communication
- Evidence-Informed Practice
- Record Keeping

Resources

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Saskatchewan Resources

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