

Policy for Treating Minors

Lisa Larkin M.D. & Associates follows the Ohio State Medical Association's recommendations and guidelines in the medical treatment of all patients under the age of 18 years-old.

A consent to treat form must be signed and on file in our office prior to any patient under 18 years of age receiving any medical care or treatment by Lisa Larkin M.D. & Associates.

This consent is to be signed by a parent or legal guardian. In the event of divorce, the parent with legal custody or who is the residential parent of the minor should sign the form.

This consent form allows Lisa Larkin M.D. & Associates to provide its minor patients with basic medical evaluation and treatment, without a parent or legal guardian present. In the event that more serious or invasive procedures are required, the parent or legal guardian will be notified in advance. In addition, there are some in-office exams and procedures, including physical exams and immunizations, where the presence of a parent or legal guardian may still be requested.

This consent expires upon the patient's 18th birthday, unless revoked in writing prior to this date.

Per the Ohio State Medical Association, there are special circumstances when a minor may provide consent for treatment. A minor may consent:

- An examination for the purpose of gathering physical evidence of alleged sexual offense;
- Diagnosis or treatment of any sexually transmitted infection by a licensed physician;
- Diagnosis or treatment by licensed physician of any condition that it is reasonable to believe is caused by drug abuse, beer, or intoxicating liquor;
- To be given an HIV test for the diagnosis of AIDS or an AIDS-related condition.

For more information or questions about our policy regarding minors, please contact the office at (513) 271-5111.

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