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## **Knowledge and attitude determination about informed consent practices of surgical nurses**

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The aim of this research is to determine the knowledge and attitudes about informed consent practices of surgical nurses. Data was collected from all the surgical services of Mugla Sıtkı Koçman University Education and Research Hospital with the ten-questioned survey which is prepared by the researcher during the literature. The data are analyzed by statistical programs and percentage tests. 92 nurses who are working in general, vascular, urological, neurosurgery, orthopedic, gynecological, chest, cosmetic surgery, eye, nose and throat surgery services attended the survey. It is found that 77.4% of nurses were taking the consent forms from the patients during the admission period to the surgical services. Although it is not the duty of nurse to take the consent forms and most of the nurses who applied to the research knew this they continued to take these forms. It is determined that no information was given to the patients by the nurses. Also, all the nurses admitted to the research complained that it took long time to fill out the forms, 56% knew that taking informed consent is a duty of the surgeon. The health care professional working in the surgical wards must be informed by the hospital management to improve the quality of care about true processes of informed consent. By this way surgical nurses would be able to spend more time in nursing care.

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