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Informed Consent

Over the years, medical facilities have always had it in place that the physician or nurse coming in would go down through the list of paperwork with the patient reading line by line. With doing so, this would let the patient understand what was happening at that point in time, what is going to be happening and what will happen after the doctor is done with the procedure. As we all know, not every treatment that a person receives will have the best outcome that everyone wants. Sometimes during a surgery or even after, there are complications that can happen and that is part of the risk when you undergo this type of treatment. When a person gets out of surgery, they always hope for the best and that they will come out with no issues. After coming out of surgery and a person does end up having a complication, most of the time their emotions will get the best of them and will try to blame everyone possible that was involved with the process. As in this case in the article, the women ended up having trouble afterwards and said that she never received a brief or papers saying what the complications may be and what risks could come with it. Since then, they have been putting it into place that the physician or nurse can no longer come in and brief the patient on what the procedure will be like before, during and after. They have put it so that the doctor that is actually performing the surgery will have to sit down with the patient and make sure they understand what all risks are and will have to sign for consent in front of the doctor. Having the patients signature in front of more than just one doctor or a physician is a good idea where cases like this can be brought forward if a patient does not like the outcome.