

# TALK ABOUT IT...

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Communication between a minor and a parent/guardian is highly recommended when medical issues are concerned.

It is important for both minors and adults to be aware of The Health Care Rights of Minor's in New York State.

***To find out more, contact:***

New York Civil Liberties Union  
Reproductive Rights Project  
**212.344.3005**

## WHAT ABOUT H.I.V. & AIDS?

- The law separates HIV/AIDS from other sexually transmitted diseases (including confidentiality law).
- A person must give written permission to be tested for HIV ... no one can be tested without their knowledge and consent.
- An individual's HIV/AIDS status is strictly protected from disclosure.

***For more information on the HIV/  
AIDS confidentiality law contact:***

N.Y.S. AIDS Hotline  
**1.800.541.2437**

***or***

The Local Public Health Department ***or***  
The Center for Instruction,  
Technology & Innovation  
Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention  
and Services (A.P.P.S.)  
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# ADOLESCENT HEALTH CARE RIGHTS



***Laws Regarding  
the Rights of Minors  
in New York State***



## Key Definitions

### What is a minor?

A minor is any person who is under the age of 18.

### What is an adult?

An adult is anyone 18 years of age or older (according to law).



### What is informed consent?

Informed consent or consent refers to the patient who is able to understand his/her condition, the purpose of the treatment and the risks/benefits of the treatment. (A patient who does not understand all of the above cannot give consent.)

### What is confidentiality?

When it comes to medical treatment, confidentiality means that information about the treatment cannot be given out without the permissions of the patient.

## Did You Know?

Mentally impaired individuals may be able to consent to medical care.

Pregnancy and STD (including HIV) testing can be administered to minors without a parent/guardian's consent.

A minor can be treated for STD/HIV without a parent/guardian's consent.

Pregnant and parenting teens, emancipated minors and married minors can consent to almost all of the health care of their child(ren).

Minors can obtain birth control and abortion services without parental consent.

## Types of Care to Which Minors Can Consent

- **Reproductive Health Services** (including family planning, abortion, prenatal care, STD testing and care.)
- **Substance Abuse Treatment** (certain alcohol and drug abuse services.)
- **Mental Health Services** (A minor 16 and over can seek in-patient treatment. Younger minors need parental consent.)
- **Emergency Treatment** (medical, dental, health and hospital services.)



## For More Information

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