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## JEHOVAH'S WITNESS PATIENTS - PROVIDING CARE

### POLICY STATEMENT

It is Bay of Plenty District Health Board's (BOPDHB) policy that care for Jehovah's Witness patients will be provided whenever possible in accordance with their religious beliefs.

### PURPOSE

This policy was developed to assist clinical staff in establishing acceptable medical management, which supports the tenets held by patients who are Jehovah's Witnesses.

### EXCLUSIONS

Transfusion of blood products to minors in life threatening situations

### REFERENCES

- [New Zealand Bill of Rights Act](#)
- Care of Children Act 2004

### ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.5 protocol 1 Jehovah's Witness Patients – Providing Care Standards
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.5 protocol 2 Jehovah's Witness Patients – Treatment of Patients in Need of Alternative Blood Replacement Therapy
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.5 protocol 3 Jehovah's Witness Patients – Treatment of Children in Need of Alternative Blood Replacement Therapy
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Perioperative Service protocol PERIOP.J1.1 Guidance - Jehovah's Witness Patients (Adults and Children) - Trauma or Acute Bleeding Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Perioperative Service protocol PERIOP.J2.1 Guidance - Jehovah's Witness Patients (Adults and Children) - Elective Surgery Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.1.1 Informed Consent
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.6 Refusal of Blood Products
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Informed Consent form (7752)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.B2.1 Blood Products - Understanding Regarding Refusal of Blood Products for Minors
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.H.1 Health Care Directive
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.J1.1 Jehovah's Witness Patients - Providing Care

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