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## Documenting the Time of Informed Consent

- *No "research-only" procedure may be performed until after the informed consent process has taken place and the informed consent form has been signed and witnessed.*
- The time of consent MUST be documented in the CPRS enrollment note (see Hot Topic #2).
- Some procedures such as laboratory tests, xrays, questionnaires, etc. may be done prior to consent *IF* they are considered standard clinical care. However, additional tests that are only being done as part of the research study *MAY NOT* be performed until informed consent has been obtained.

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