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Patient consent form

For a patient's consent to publication of information about them by the ALSGBI

Name of person described in article or shown in photograph:

Subject matter of photograph or article: _____

Title of Submission: _____

Corresponding author: _____

I _____ [insert full name] give my consent for this information about MYSELF/MY CHILD OR WARD/MY RELATIVE [circle correct description] relating to the subject matter above ("the Information") to appear in ALSGBI conference and web presentations.

I have seen and read the material to be submitted

I understand the following:

(1) The Information will be published without my name attached and the ALSGBI will make every attempt to ensure my anonymity. I understand, however, that complete anonymity cannot be guaranteed. It is possible that somebody somewhere - perhaps, for example, somebody who looked after me if I was in hospital or a relative - may identify me.

(2) Any text may be edited for style, grammar, consistency, and length

(3) The Information may be presented at the ALSGBI conference

(4) The Information will also be placed on the ALSGBIs website

(5) The ALSGBI will not allow the Information to be used for advertising or packaging or to be used out of context.

(6) I can revoke my consent at any time before publication, but once the Information has been committed to presentation this will not be possible.

Signed: _____

Date: _____