



DID YOU KNOW..?

SUBJECT: CONSENT

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Did you know that there are two distinct aspects to “consent”?

When we talk about obtaining consent, we could be referring to either: consent to the collection, use and disclosure of personal health information; or consent for services to be provided to a patient/client.

Each aspect of consent is governed by different legislation. Obtaining consent for the collection, use and disclosure of personal health information is governed by the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004* (PHIPA). Obtaining consent for services is governed by the *Health Care Consent Act, 1996* (HCCA).

The Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario provides a Guide to PHIPA, which can be found at www.ipc.on.ca under the “Resources” tab. CASLPO provides a guide to the HCCA entitled, “Consent For Services: A Guide For Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists”, which can be found at www.caslpo.com (under the “Practice Standards” tab).