

How do I obtain my patient's consent to publish their photograph and/or case details in an ERS publication

Attached to this document is:

- an information sheet that can be given to or read to your patient; and
- a consent form that must be completed by both you and your patient (or someone authorised to give consent on their behalf), signed by the patient or consenter, and returned to the ERS publications office before publication.

The patient or the person giving consent on their behalf must fully understand how the photograph and/or information will be used, which includes that:

- if the information will be used in an article, they should be given the chance to read the manuscript and/or you must explain the content of the manuscript to them; or
- if the photograph is to be used in a different context on the ERS publications website (*e.g.* an illustration on the homepage), they must be clear about how it will be used and appear; and
- they must understand the consequences of their photograph being published in an open access journal, if applicable

The information that we have provided is in English. If your patient's first language is not English, you must ensure that they understand the form before they sign it.

What do I need to know about ERS publications?

- ERS publications produces articles in all fields of respiratory medicine, and is aimed at doctors, scientists, nurses and other healthcare professionals working in this area, although some articles may be of even broader interest.
- Several ERS publications are published “open access”, which means that content is available to everyone without needing to pay a subscription. This is important because it allows the results of scientific research to be made publically and internationally available.
- The most important consequence of this open access for you is that if you consent for your details or a photograph of you to appear in an open access article, it will be published under a Creative Commons licence that may allow re-use of the content for any legal purpose as long as the source article is cited.

Please read the patient consent form carefully and be sure that you have fully understood it before signing it.

ERS publications patient consent form

To be completed by the corresponding author

Name of the publication (please tick):

- European Respiratory Journal
- European Respiratory Review
- ERJ Open Research
- Breathe
- ERS Monograph
- ERS Handbook
- Other use (please state): _____

Name of patient in article or photograph: _____

Subject matter of photograph or article: _____

Title of article/name of study: _____

Corresponding author: _____

To be completed by the patient/parent/guardian/relative

I _____ (insert full name) give consent for this information/photograph about/ of MYSELF/MY CHILD/MY WARD/MY RELATIVE (please delete as appropriate) to appear in the *ERJ*.

I have seen and read the material to be submitted to the European Respiratory Society.

I understand the following:

- My information/photograph will be published without my name attached and the European Respiratory Society will make every attempt to ensure my anonymity. I understand, however, that my anonymity cannot be completely guaranteed. It is possible that someone somewhere – perhaps, for example, someone who looked after me in hospital or a relative – might be able to identify me.
- The text of the article will be edited for style, grammar, consistency and length.
- If the article containing my details and/or photograph is published open access, then it will be made freely available online and published with a Creative Commons licence, allowing its re-use under certain conditions. I also understand that signing this consent form does not remove my rights to privacy.
- **Once I have given my consent by signing this form, I cannot revoke that consent.**

Date (DD/MM/YY): ___/___/___

Signed: _____