Consenting on the day of surgery. Futility or Formality?

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Prospective Consent practices

Elective general surgery patient

Single centre

4 weeks
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Patients notes & Electronic care records

56 patients

27%

73%

63%

Malignant disease

PRE-OP DISCUSSION

96%

Consultant consult

Specialist nurse present all malignant cases

95%
Day of Surgery

Consent

Consultant = 20%
Registrar = 80%

Consent is a PROCESS

If the process is adequate, completing consent form on the day of surgery should be a formality