

Acceptable combinations of patient legal status and consent to ECT

| Status | Consent | Documentation |
|---|---|---|
| Informal | given fully informed | signed consent form |
| Section 24/25 (or equivalent) | given fully informed emergency: unable or unwilling | signed consent form } i. entry in case notes etc } ii. local consultant second opinion iii. inform MWC* and request second opinion |
| ECT is given under Common Law | | |
| Section 26/18 (or equivalent) | given fully informed unable or unwilling emergency: unable or unwilling | i. signed consent form ii. Form 9 (Section 98) Form 10 (S.98 second opinion) } i. entry in case notes etc } ii. local consultant second opinion iii. request MWC second opinion iv. Section 102 (urgent treatment) |
| ECT is given under MH(S)A* | | |

*MWC - Mental Welfare Commission
MH(S)A - Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984

NB. ECT given to ANY patient detained under Section 26, Section 18 or equivalent is only LEGAL if the statutory documentation has been completed. We suggest that you have sight of relevant documentation (or copies) before proceeding to give ECT.