

Appendix: Suggested Patient Consent Script and Documentation Statement for Use of an AI Scribe

This suggested language is intended for clinical use when an AI scribe is used to support documentation of a patient encounter. It should be adapted to local organizational policy, privacy requirements, approved vendor terms, and the specific way the AI scribe functions, including whether audio is temporarily processed, stored, or deleted.

Suggested Verbal Consent Script

"I use an approved AI scribe to help create a draft note from our visit. This lets me focus more on our conversation rather than typing during the appointment. The tool may process what we discuss to generate a draft clinical note. I will review, edit, and approve the note before it becomes part of your medical record.

As with any digital tool, there are privacy and accuracy considerations. The AI-generated draft may contain errors or omissions, so I remain responsible for checking it carefully. Your care will not be affected if you prefer that I do not use the AI scribe today.

Do I have your permission to use the AI scribe for this visit?"

Key Points to Cover When Obtaining Consent

- The AI scribe is used to help draft clinical documentation.
- The clinician will review, edit, and approve the final note.
- The AI scribe is not a substitute for clinical judgment.
- There are potential privacy and accuracy risks associated with digital processing and AI-generated text.
- The patient may decline or withdraw consent without any impact on care.
- The consent discussion and patient's decision should be documented in the medical record.

Suggested Documentation Statements

When Consent is Provided

Patient was informed that an approved AI scribe would be used to assist with drafting the clinical note for this encounter. The purpose, clinician review of the AI-generated draft, potential privacy and accuracy considerations, and the option to decline or withdraw consent without impact on care were discussed. Patient provided verbal consent for use of the AI scribe. The clinician reviewed and edited the final note for accuracy and completeness.

When Consent Is Declined

Patient was informed about the proposed use of an AI scribe to assist with documentation. The patient declined consent for use of the AI scribe. The encounter was documented without use of the AI scribe, and care was not affected by this decision.

When Consent Is Withdrawn During the Encounter

Patient initially consented to the use of the AI scribe but withdrew consent during the encounter. Use of the AI scribe was stopped. The remainder of the encounter was documented without use of the AI scribe, and care was not affected by this decision.

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