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The Physiotherapy Board thanks the Dental Council for the opportunity to comment on your draft *Draft Informed consent practice standard*.

The purpose of the Physiotherapy Board is to set, monitor and promote competence, continuing professional development and proper conduct for the practice of physiotherapy in the interests of public health and safety.

The Physiotherapy Board understand the necessity for Informed Consent and its importance related to patients' rights to information following which they can either consent or decline treatment. The Physiotherapy Board congratulates the Dental Council, as this draft standard is well set out and relates well to the Dental Council's overall standards framework. The style is consistent with other standards, and the detail encompasses all the necessary specifics of Informed Consent. The guidance section provides useful additional information to back up the particulars of each standard.

#### Consultation questions

1. We agree with the proposed draft standard.
2. The necessity to have written informed consent for the involvement of a student is stated in the guidance notes. We consider this would be better stated in the standard, as this is a common practice. It would also make it more accessible to the public.
3. One related area that may be worth considering being included: Not to prejudice a patients' ability to afford a particular treatment.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposal.

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