

Informed consent is a basic institution of health services. This work aims at comparison of the basic components of informed consent in the Czech and English law. The beginning is dedicated to the development and the current relationship between patient and doctor. The traditional paternalistic approach that was prevailing until recently in the health care will be examined more in detail. Furthermore, the work deals with the concept of informed consent as such. The components of the informed consent will be specified as well as the form of the informed consent. Disclosure of the risks and other information must precede for the informed consent to be valid and the consent also have to meet the requirements of legal actions. Text will also focus on informed consent of the minors. Finally, an advance decision will be examined including its conditions of validity.