

# OREGON LAW ON CONSENT FOR STD TESTING & TREATMENT OF MINORS



Oregon law states that minors who are at least 15 years of age can consent to medical services without consent from a parent or legal guardian (ORS 109.640). Minors of any age can give consent for testing or treatment of a sexually transmitted disease (STD) without consent from a parent or guardian if the disease is one which is required to be reported to a local or state health authority (ORS 109.610). In Oregon, minors are individuals less than 18 years of age.

## When can minors give consent without a parent/guardian?

The table below shows the age requirements for minors to consent to testing or treatment for common STDs without consent from a parent or guardian.

Minors can consent to testing or treatment without a parent or guardian	
at any age <sup>1</sup>	if at least 15 years of age
Chlamydia	Herpes simplex virus
HIV	Human papillomavirus (HPV)
Gonorrhea	
Syphilis	
Hepatitis B	

<sup>1</sup>When these conditions are diagnosed, the health care provider or laboratory must report cases to the local or state health authority. Cases are reported to track information on where infections are occurring and to inform public health programs.

## Could parents/guardians learn a minor's test result?

A hospital, physician, nurse practitioner or dentist may inform a parent/guardian of the minor's diagnosis or treatment without the consent of the minor (ORS 109.650). Health care providers and patients should discuss confidentiality policies before STD testing or treatment is provided.

## How is payment for services impacted?

Parents or guardians who have not given consent for STD testing or treatment of a minor are not legally responsible to pay for these services (ORS 109.610). Health care providers and patients should discuss payment methods before STD testing or treatment is provided.

## Resources

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