

**CHILDREN'S KNOWLEDGE ABOUT IMMUNISATIONS**

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**BACKGROUND:** Development of the recent laws about autonomy and patient's rights in different European countries (i. e. Spanish law 41/2002) have started from the Convention of Human Rights and Biomedicine (4/4/1997), of which chapter two is devoted to Consent. As it is well known (or it should be), true consent ought to be preceded by a suitable information for the patient. Paediatric information is usually given to the parents in order to obtain their consent to any intervention, but it should be also supplied to the children as, the Convention says: The opinion of the minor shall be taken into consideration as an increasingly determining factor in proportion to his or her age and degree of maturity. On the other hand, there are some important interventions –preventive also, as immunisations- that can't be depending on a child decision, but this is not an obstacle to provide him/her some appropriate explanation according to their age. We have drawn up a survey addressed to know if children are well informed about this subject. **OBJECTIVE:** To know the degree of knowledge in paediatric patients coming to be immunised in our setting. **METHOD:** A survey (3 patterns) of 4 multiple choice questions about basic knowledge of immunisations. Previously we have asked some children in order to get their own words and using them for the survey. We have carried it out into three groups of patients (5-6, 10-11 and 13-14 years), coming to be examined and immunised in our primary care paediatric institution.

