

## **Human Subjects / Informed Consent Policy**

### **Journal of Clinical Electrophysiology & Wound Management (JCEWM)**

#### **1. Ethical Standards**

JCEWM requires that all research involving human participants comply with the ethical principles outlined in the Declaration of Helsinki and applicable national and institutional regulations.

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#### **2. Institutional Review Board (IRB) Approval**

All research involving human subjects must include a statement confirming:

- Approval by an Institutional Review Board (IRB), Ethics Committee, or equivalent body
- The name of the approving institution
- Approval number (if applicable)

If IRB approval was not required, authors must clearly state the reason.

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#### **3. Informed Consent**

Authors must confirm that informed consent was obtained from all participants. For case reports or case series:

- Informed consent for publication must be obtained from the patient/client or legal guardian.
  - Identifying information must not be published unless essential and with explicit written permission.
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#### **4. Protection of Privacy**

All reasonable steps must be taken to protect patient/client confidentiality. Identifying information, including images, names, or clinical details, must not be included unless necessary and consented to in writing.

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#### **5. Animal Research**

Studies involving animals must comply with institutional and national guidelines for the care and use of laboratory animals. Authors must provide a statement indicating approval from the appropriate ethics committee.