1. **What is iMedConsent™?**
   
iMedConsent™ is a software package that supports electronic access, completion, electronically captured signatures, and storage of documents, such as informed consent forms and advance directives. VHA Handbook 1004.05, *iMedCONSENT™*, sets forth procedures related to the use of iMedConsent™. 

   *VHA Handbook 1004.01, Informed Consent for Clinical Treatments and Procedures,* discusses the goals, scope, and key concepts related to patients’ informed consent for clinical treatments and procedures and the related responsibilities of VHA staff. 
   
   Handbook 1004.01 mandates the use of the iMedConsent™ software program to document the signature informed consent process, except in specific circumstances.

2. **What is the relevant patch information in iMedConsent™ that includes the Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Wizard? (For Clinical Application Coordinators)**
   
   - Patch Name: Nabokov
   - Patch Number: 3.837.000.035
   - Release Date: December 5, 2014
   - Required Installation Date: January 30, 2015

3. **Why was the DNR Wizard developed?**
   
   The wizard development was prompted by a recommendation from the Office of the Medical Inspector to help ensure that practitioners discuss and document the patient’s preferences about whether to discontinue or maintain their DNR order during a procedure with a risk of cardio-pulmonary arrest.

4. **What does the new wizard look like?**
   
   The wizard has 2 panels. The first panel asks the practitioner to choose whether the planned procedure poses a risk that might require the patient to be resuscitated. If the planned procedure includes such a risk, practitioners must check that box. This checked box prompts a second wizard panel to open. This is where the practitioner can document the patient’s wishes for the DNR order in relation to the planned procedure or treatment. If the procedure doesn’t pose a risk that might require the patient to be resuscitated, the practitioner may simply select “Next” and the second screen will be bypassed.
First panel

Selecting either check box option will generate second panel. May bypass by selecting “Next” if not relevant.

Second panel

Must select one of these two options to move forward.
5. **What has been changed?**
Before this wizard was created, there was no detailed prompt in iMedConsent™ for the practitioner to discuss with the patient the option of whether or not to keep a DNR order in place during a treatment or procedure in which the patient may need resuscitation. The only feature to remind the practitioner to have this discussion was an option on the “Comments” wizard panel.

6. **How can the wizard be accessed?**
The new DNR wizard panels have been imbedded in the standard consent wizards for treatments and procedures. The DNR wizard panels will open automatically in standard consent forms for treatments/procedures (e.g., cardiac catheterization, craniotomy, etc.) The DNR wizard panels will be presented immediately following the wizard panel for verifying a patient's decision-making capacity.

7. **Are there any changes to the current features of iMedConsent™ because of this new wizard?**
Yes. First, the option to document a DNR order suspension in the current “Comments” wizard panel has been removed. Second, text has been added to the “Reminders” pop-up screen to remind practitioners before they sign the consent form that a patient’s DNR order is not automatically discontinued but must be discontinued manually in CPRS.

8. **Do practitioners have to use the new DNR wizard?**
If the practitioner determines that the planned procedure poses a risk that might require a patient with a DNR order to be resuscitated, then the practitioner must use the wizard panel.

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