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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Independent Health Care  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

PART IV

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS APPLYING TO INDEPENDENT HOSPITALS

*PATHOLOGY SERVICES, RESUSCITATION AND  
TREATMENT OF CHILDREN IN INDEPENDENT HOSPITALS*

**Application of regulations 34 to 36**

- 33.**—(1) Regulations 34 to 36 apply to independent hospitals of the following kinds –
- (a) those defined in Article 2(2) of the Order except establishments excepted by regulation 4(2); and
  - (b) those in which medical treatment, including cosmetic surgery, is provided under anaesthesia or sedation.
- (2) Regulation 34 also applies to any establishment or agency which provides pathology services.

**Pathology services**

- 34.** The registered person shall ensure that –
- (a) an adequate range of pathology services is available to meet the needs of the independent hospital;
  - (b) those services are provided to an appropriate standard;
  - (c) appropriate arrangements are made for the collection, and (where pathology services are provided outside the hospital) transportation of pathology specimens; and
  - (d) the patient from whom a specimen was taken and such specimen, is identifiable at all times.

**Resuscitation**

**35.**—(1) The registered person shall prepare and implement a written statement of the policies to be applied and the procedures to be followed in the hospital in relation to resuscitation of patients, and shall review such statement annually.

- (2) The registered person shall ensure that policies and procedures implemented in accordance with paragraph (1) –
- (a) take proper account of the right of all patients who are competent to do so to give or withhold consent to treatment;
  - (b) are available on request to every patient and any person acting on behalf of a patient; and

- (c) are communicated to and understood by all employees and all medical practitioners with practising privileges who may be involved in decisions about resuscitation of a patient.

**Treatment of children**

- 36. The registered person shall ensure that, where a child is treated in an independent hospital –
  - (a) he is treated in accommodation which is separate from accommodation in which adult patients are treated;
  - (b) particular medical, physical, psychological, social, educational and supervision needs arising from his age are met;
  - (c) his treatment is provided by persons who have appropriate qualifications, skills and experience in the treatment of children;
  - (d) his parents are kept fully informed of his condition and so far as is practicable consulted about all aspects of his treatment, except where the child is himself competent to consent to treatment and does not wish his parents to be so informed and consulted.