

APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE / AUTHORISATION OF MEDICAL PROCEDURES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

In the course of their studies in National University of Singapore (NUS), international students may need medical attention in the form of surgery or any other medical procedures or treatment, but may be unable to give or refuse consent to the same. In such an event, surgeons or consultants in Singapore hospitals would require a local representative to be present at the hospital to authorise or refuse consent to the surgery or other medical procedures or treatment on the patient's behalf.

In order to avoid possible delays to any surgery or other medical procedures or treatment that an international student may need, international students, or their parent/guardian (where the international student is under 18 years of age), may do either or both of the following:

- (a) Appoint a representative in Singapore ("Local Representative") who will have the authority to authorise or refuse consent to the surgery or other medical procedures or treatment, on behalf of the student/parent/guardian, as applicable. This Local Representative should be informed of his/her role by the student/parent/guardian and should be contactable by the student and/or NUS at any time. Please complete Form 3 (Appointment of Local Representative) to indicate whether a local representative is available.

AND/OR

- (b) Authorise NUS, its officers, staff or any other authorised personnel to authorise or refuse consent to the surgery or other medical procedures or treatment, on behalf of the student/parent/guardian, if none of the student's parent/guardian/Local Representative (if any) is contactable at the time of need. Please complete Form 2 (Authorisation of Medical Procedures For International Students) to indicate whether NUS is to be so authorised.

Notwithstanding the appointment and/or authorisation referred to in (a) and (b) above being made/given, NUS will make every reasonable effort to contact the parent/guardian first if a student needs medical attention as described above. If NUS is unable to contact the parent/guardian, NUS will next contact the Local Representative (if any) and only when the Local Representative is not contactable after reasonable efforts have been made will NUS, its officers, staff or any authorised personnel authorise or refuse consent to the surgery or other medical procedures or treatment.

Please note that where an international student comes to Singapore alone and does not make the appointment or give the authorisation referred to in (a) and (b) above respectively, there may be no one present in Singapore who will have authority to authorise or refuse consent to surgery or other medical procedures or treatment for that student in an emergency.

It is important that all international students wishing to accept NUS' offer of admission have the attached form(s) duly executed and returned to NUS together with their acceptance of NUS' offer of admission.

For the latest version of this policy, please refer to:

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/international/forms.html>