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The basic attention was given to questions of granting of the information to the patient at the initial stage of formation of the doctrine of the informed consent. Competence often is called as one of the requirements for the informed consent. In literature under the informed consent various kinds of standards are offered: the minimum standard, standards “result”, standards “process”. Health definition of the person depends on the subjective representations about well-being. The standard compatible to legal structure, not necessarily is ethically comprehensible or conceptually consecutive standard. The standard which is ethically and conceptually consistent, but impracticable in legal or medical practice, also does not approach. The decision on competence of the person, from this point of view, means, whether really free and informed decisions of some person concerning themselves should be respected.

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