Informed Consents in CareConnect | Research Conducted in Patient Care Area

Below is information provided by the UCLA Office of the Human Research Protection Program and CareConnect regarding access to informed consents when research is conducted in patient care areas.

1. **How do nurses know if a patient is enrolled in a research study?**
   Is there a designated location in CareConnect where investigators or their study team document that the patient “has consented to participate in research?”

   - In the patient header within CareConnect, there is a banner item called Research that notes if the patient is active on a study. The screenshot below illustrates a test patient with the banner as active. **The active status will only appear if the patient has consented and is on study.** The nurse is also able to click on the banner to get more detailed information about the study.

2. **Does the IRB require investigators to upload signed patient consent forms in CareConnect when research is conducted in a clinical area and where is the consent located?**

   - If available in CareConnect, the consent will be located in Chart Review under either the Consent or Media tabs (see screenshot below).
   
   - Note: Neither the Health System nor the UCLA Institutional Review Board require investigators to upload the consent form into CareConnect, but this is recommended as a best practice. CareConnect is rolling this out as they go through the ResearchConnect waves. ResearchConnect is a project that represents a significant interdepartmental collaboration to integrate CareConnect with OnCore, a new enterprise-wide Clinical Research Management System. As the implementation of OnCore proceeds, more and more researchers will be encouraged to upload the consent form into CareConnect.