

Medical Scenes & Psychiatric Counsel

At least 2 weeks in advance of filming, please obtain clearance from your YTO Production Executive for any on-camera or behind-the-scenes filming involving medical personnel, medical procedures, medical patients, medical facilities, psychological counseling, psychiatric counseling, life coaching, or other forms of therapy. Please be sure to inform the production insurance provider of these shoots and obtain all necessary coverages.

Obtaining permission

When shooting any medical scene, **it is imperative that permission is obtained from every person and every location in advance.** In medical situations (particularly traumas, emergencies, etc.), getting permission afterward may not be sufficient. It is often not enough just to mask the identities of patients (using techniques such as blurring, pixilation, or voice alteration software) for whom an authorization was not obtained, which is why it is important to get the necessary **written permission** from medical patients, medical personnel, and medical facilities before shooting.

Please consult your Production Counsel to:

- Obtain their sign-off on each aspect of the plan.
- Determine whether additional releases or screenings should be obtained from participants and modify any participant releases to address the particular situation.
- Obtain guidelines on the acceptable mental and physical state in which a medical patient can sign a release.
- Ensure that filming is conducted in accordance with all applicable privacy laws and the terms of any agreement with medical facilities.

Producer must further ensure that:

- The appropriate malpractice insurance certificates are obtained.
- Any service provider holds appropriate licenses and board certifications.
- AON or the underwriter / insurance broker has signed off on each aspect of the plan.

Under no circumstances should a filming crew interfere, influence, direct or obstruct the medical process, or administer medical assistance in any form.

Please review the [Background Check Policy](#) article for the requirements on the background check diligence.