I. Goal
The Patient Consent policy establishes the patient consent model for the Greater New Orleans Health Information Exchange (GNOHIE).

II. Scope
This policy applies to GNOHIE and data stored within GNOHIE.

III. PURPOSE
This policy describes the Partnership for Achieving Total Health (PATH’s) responsibility, as the primary manager and fiduciary agent of GNOHIE, as it relates to maintaining the patient consent model for the GNOHIE.

IV. POLICY
1. All GNOHIE member organizations are required to notify their patients of the GNOHIE opt-out consent model. This notification provides each patient with instructions to manage their consent preferences.
2. Once a patient has been notified of the GNOHIE opt-out consent model and provided instructions to manage their consent preferences, their data may be shared among GNOHIE member organizations involved in the patient’s care, unless they Opt Out.
3. The patient can elect not to have his/her medical records shared (opt-out) by accessing the GNOHIE website at www.gnohie.org and completing the CONTACT US form or calling the GNOHIE.
4. Member organizations may assist the patient with the consent process through a variety of methods, including but not limited to; calling the GNOHIE on behalf of the patient or sending a secure communication.
5. Patients may change their consent status by calling the GNOHIE, or by completing the CONTACT US form on the GNOHIE website at www.gnohie.org.