

Model fact sheet

The CeGIDDs must comply with the following model fact sheet (to be translated into the languages most frequently used by the centre's consultants):

“You are at a free information, screening and diagnosis centre for HIV, viral forms of hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections (CeGIDD).

Consultations and treatment at these centres are provided free of charge and you can choose whether or not they are subject to anonymity:

- if you choose non-anonymous treatment (where your name is given), you must provide information about your identity and must also be able to produce evidence of this (surname, first name, other personal information, etc.) Your medical records will be kept stating your identity under conditions which guarantee confidentiality and they will only be accessible to the centre's nursing staff;

- if you choose to remain anonymous, you will not be obliged to state your identity (surname, first name, other personal information, etc.) Your medical records will be stored under a code number (anonymity code), which does not allow you to be identified. You will be given this number on admission if you state that you wish to choose to remain anonymous. You must keep this number because you will be asked for it at each consultation in order to access your medical records and provide you with treatment and medical supervision. During the first consultation, the doctor (or another health professional appointed for this purpose) will explain to you that you can ask for anonymity to be lifted by any means and at any time and that, in spite of everything, there may be certain situations under which you may be asked to agree to the lifting of anonymity, either during this consultation, if you show any signs which immediately suggest an HIV infection, viral hepatitis B or C, or a sexually transmitted infection, or during a subsequent consultation, in the light of the results of the examinations carried out. If the doctor asks you to lift anonymity and you agree, this may help him or her to speed up your medical treatment as it will then be easier to deliver treatment, carry out a vaccination, an additional medical assessment or, if necessary, refer you to another department or another doctor.

So, at the consultation, the doctor will ask you whether you have chosen to remain anonymous or whether you agree to give information about your identity. You do not have to give any reasons for your choice and you can change your mind either at this first consultation or later on.

If you wish to remain anonymous, you can still be screened for HIV, hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections. If you are diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection, you will be treated without having to give any information about your identity. For the purposes of further treatment, the doctor will tell you about the services which you can approach. On the other hand, it will not be possible to vaccinate you or prescribe any contraception if you wish to remain anonymous.

Regardless of your choice, your medical records and the information in them are subject to medical confidentiality and kept under conditions which guarantee confidentiality”.