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Good afternoon –

All efforts should be made to recover lost documentation and the attempts should be documented in writing with a detailed “note to file” in case an FDA inspection should occur at your site. Since the subject cannot be re-consented due to death, detailed documentation of this situation is important.

You might also want to inform the sponsor of the study and the reviewing IRB of this situation.

I hope this information is helpful. Please contact us again at [gcp.questions@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:gcp.questions@fda.hhs.gov) should you have additional questions.

Kind regards,

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Good afternoon,

I have a case in which the patient was consented, a copy was given to the patient and another copy was kept in the research binder. After reviewing the patient’s paper medical record it was noted that the original ( wet ink ) consent was lost. We have a copy of the original (wet ink). How should we document this ? Patient is off the study and deceased.

Please advice.

Thanks,

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