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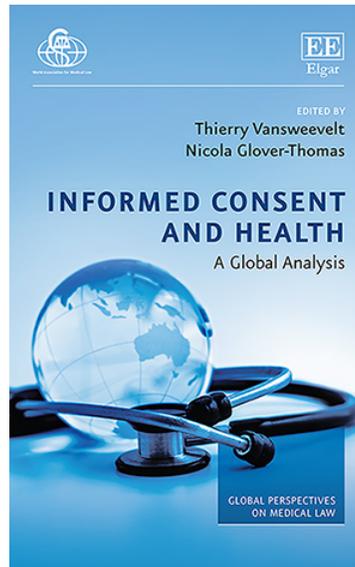
Informed consent is the legal instrument that purports to protect an individual's autonomy and defends against medical arbitrariness. This illuminating book investigates our evolving understanding of informed consent from a range of comparative and international perspectives, demonstrating the diversity of its interpretations around the world. Chapters offer a nuanced analysis of the problems that impede the understanding and implementation of the concept of informed consent and explore the contemporary challenges that continue to hinder both the patient and the medical community.

'Vanswevelt and Glover-Thomas have succeeded in providing a comprehensive picture of the principle of informed consent. This volume shows that despite many different levels of detail, and different interpretations, most countries have rooted the principle of informed consent within their national legislation.'

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