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REALISTIC MEDICINE
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CHANGE IN LAW

*Montgomery v Lanarkshire* Health Board

- The Supreme Court has unanimously allowed the appeal in the *Montgomery v Lanarkshire* Health Board.
- Facts
- A doctor is under a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that his/her patient is aware of any material risks involved in any recommended treatment and of any reasonable alternative or variant treatments.
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- The test of materiality is whether in the circumstances of the particular case a reasonable person in the patient’s position would be likely to attach significance to the risk, or the doctor is or should reasonably be aware that the particular patient would be likely to attach significance to it.
Practicalities

• **Essential to record:**
  • Whether patient is able to consent
  • Whether the patient declined to have a discussion about risks and options
  • If there was a discussion, the nature and extent of the risks involved, options given and patient’s decision
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