

CONSENT FOR ANESTHESIA SERVICES

I, _____, have been scheduled for _____ surgery.
I understand that anesthesia services are needed so that my doctor can perform the operation or procedure.

It has been explained to me that all forms of anesthesia involve some risks and no guarantees or promises can be made concerning the results of my procedure or treatment. **ALTHOUGH RARE, SEVERE UNEXPECTED COMPLICATIONS CAN OCCUR WITH EACH TYPE OF ANESTHESIA, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF INFECTION, BLEEDING, DRUG REACTIONS, COGNITIVE DYSFUNCTION, BLOOD CLOTS, LOSS OF SENSATION, BLINDNESS, LOSS OF VISION, LOSS OF LIMB FUNCTION, PARALYSIS, STROKE, BRAIN DAMAGE, HEART ATTACK OR DEATH.** I understand that these risks apply to **ALL** forms of anesthesia and that additional or specific risks have been identified below as they may apply to a specific type of anesthesia. I understand that the type(s) of anesthesia service checked below will be used for my procedure and that the anesthetic technique to be used is determined by many factors including my physical condition, the type of procedure my doctor is to do, his or her preference, as well as my own desire. It has been explained to me that sometimes an anesthesia technique that involves the use of local anesthetics, with or without sedation, may not succeed completely and therefore another technique may have to be used including general anesthesia.

<input type="checkbox"/> General Anesthesia	Expected Result	Total unconscious state, possible placement of a tube into the windpipe.
	Technique	Drug injected into the bloodstream, breathed into the lungs, or by other routes.
	Risks (include but not limited to)	Mouth or throat pain, hoarseness, injury to mouth, airway, esophagus or teeth, awareness under anesthesia, injury to blood vessels, respiratory arrest, cardiac arrest, vomiting, aspiration, pneumonia, corneal abrasion.
<input type="checkbox"/> Spinal or Epidural Analgesia/ Anesthesia <input type="checkbox"/> With sedation <input type="checkbox"/> Without sedation	Expected Result	Temporary decreased or loss of feeling and/or movement to lower part of the body.
	Technique	Drug injected through a needle/catheter placed either directly into the fluid of the spinal canal or immediately outside the spinal canal.
	Risks (include but not limited to)	Headache, backache, buzzing in ears, convulsions, infection, persistent weakness, numbness, residual pain, injury to blood vessels and nerves, "total spinal."
<input type="checkbox"/> Major/Minor Nerve Block <input type="checkbox"/> With sedation <input type="checkbox"/> Without sedation	Expected Result	Temporary loss of feeling and/or movement of a specific limb or area.
	Technique	Drug injected near nerves providing loss of sensation to the area of the operation.
	Risks (include but not limited to)	Infection, convulsions, weakness, persistent numbness, residual pain requiring additional anesthesia, injury to blood vessels and nerves, failed block.
<input type="checkbox"/> Intravenous Regional Anesthesia <input type="checkbox"/> With sedation <input type="checkbox"/> Without sedation	Expected Result	Temporary loss of feeling and/or movement of a limb.
	Technique	Drug injected into veins of arm or leg while using a tourniquet.
	Risks (include but not limited to)	Infection, convulsions, persistent numbness, residual pain, injury to blood vessels.
<input type="checkbox"/> Monitored Anesthesia Care (with sedation)	Expected Result	Reduced anxiety and pain, partial or total amnesia.
	Technique	Drug injected into the bloodstream, breathed into the lungs, or by other routes, producing a semi-conscious state.
	Risks (include but not limited to)	An unconscious state, depressed breathing, injury to blood vessels.
<input type="checkbox"/> Invasive Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Arterial Line <input type="checkbox"/> Central Line <input type="checkbox"/> Pulmonary Artery Line <input type="checkbox"/> TEE <input type="checkbox"/> Lumbar Drain	Expected Result	Monitoring during anesthesia frequent blood sampling, injecting medications into the veins.
	Technique	<input type="checkbox"/> Placing a tube in an artery of the arm or leg to monitor pressures. <input type="checkbox"/> Placing a tube in the neck to monitor pressures in the vein. <input type="checkbox"/> Placing a tube in the neck to monitor pressures within the heart. <input type="checkbox"/> Placing an ultrasound probe into the throat to monitor the heart. <input type="checkbox"/> Placing a tube between the bones of the back to remove spinal fluid and measure spinal pressures.
	Risks (include but not limited to)	Injury to blood vessels, lung collapse, irregular heart rhythm, mouth or throat pain, hoarseness, injury to mouth or teeth, headache, backache, nausea and vomiting, nerve injury, permanent weakness, numbness or pain.

I consent to the anesthesia service checked above and authorize that it be administered by [ANESTHESIA GROUP] through an anesthesia care team, including Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists under the supervision of an Anesthesiologist, all of whom are credentialed to provide anesthesia services at this health care facility. In addition to the anesthetic discussed above, I also consent to alternative types of anesthesia, if necessary, as deemed appropriate by the anesthesia care team.

I understand the importance of providing my health care providers with a complete medical history, including the need to disclose any medications that I am taking, both prescription and over the counter. I also understand that my use of herbal remedies, alcohol or any type of illegal drug may give rise to serious complications and must also be disclosed. I further understand that I should also disclose any complications that arose from past anesthetics.

I acknowledge that I have read this form or had it read to me, that I understand the risks, alternatives and expected results of the anesthesia service and that I had ample time to ask questions and to consider my decisions.

Patient's Signature

Date and Time

Anesthesia Provider's Signature

Substitute's Signature

Relationship to Patient