

## CONSENT FOR ANESTHESIA SERVICES

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that my doctor has explained to me that I will have an operation, diagnostic or treatment procedure. My doctor has explained the risks of the procedure, advised me of alternative treatments and told me about the expected outcome and what could happen if my condition remains untreated. I also 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, unexpected *severe complications* with anesthesia can occur and include the remote possibility of *infection, bleeding, drug reactions, blood clots, loss of sensation, 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 which 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	Mouth or throat pain, hoarseness, injury to mouth or teeth, awareness under anesthesia, injury to blood vessels, aspiration, pneumonia.
<input type="checkbox"/> Spinal or epidural analgesia or anesthesia <input type="checkbox"/> With sedation <input type="checkbox"/> Without sedation	Expected result	Temporary decreased or loss of feeling or movement to lower part of the body.
	Technique	Drug injected through a needle or catheter placed directly into the spinal canal or immediately outside the spinal canal.
	Risks	Headache, backache, buzzing in the ears, convulsions, infection, persistent weakness, numbness, residual pain, injury to blood vessels, "total spinal".
<input type="checkbox"/> Major or minor nerve block <input type="checkbox"/> With sedation <input type="checkbox"/> Without sedation	Expected result	Temporary loss of feeling or movement of a specific limb or area.
	Technique	Drug injected near nerves providing loss of sensation to the area of the operation.
	Risks	Infection, convulsions, weakness, persistent numbness, residual pain, injury to blood vessels.
<input type="checkbox"/> Intravenous regional anesthesia <input type="checkbox"/> With sedation <input type="checkbox"/> Without sedation	Expected result	Temporary loss of feeling or movement of a limb.
	Technique	Drug injected into veins of arm or leg while using a tourniquet.
	Risks	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	An unconscious state, depressed breathing, injury to blood vessels.
<input type="checkbox"/> Monitored anesthesia care (without sedation)	Expected result	Measurement of vital signs, availability of anesthesia provider for further intervention.
	Technique	None.
	Risks	Increased awareness, anxiety or discomfort.

I hereby consent to the anesthesia service checked above and authorize that it be administered. I also consent to an alternative type of anesthesia, if necessary, as deemed appropriate by the anesthesia provider. I expressly desire the following considerations be observed (or write "none"):

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

Patient's signature	Date and time
Parent's or guardian's signature	Relationship to patient

Anesthesia provider's signature:

Date and time:

PATIENT'S IDENTIFICATION (For typed or written entries give: Name--last, first, middle; grade; date; hospital or medical facility)