

CALF IMPLANT

Calf implants, which were originally developed to restore leg contour in accident or polio victims, are now sometimes used to create cosmetic fullness in the lower leg.

Patient's
Initials

- _____ The details of the procedure including the anticipated benefits and material risks have been explained to me in terms I understand.
- _____ Alternative methods and therapies, their benefits, material risks and disadvantages have been explained to me.
- _____ I understand and accept that the most likely material risks and complications of calf implant have been discussed with me and may include but are not limited to:
- *chronic pain*
 - *foot drop from anterior compartment syndrome*
 - *general disappointment*
 - *hematoma or seroma*
 - *infection*
 - *loss of skin with exposure of implant requiring removal and visible scarring*
 - *nature and unpredictability of capsular contracture*
 - *possibility of rupture if gel implant is used*
 - *thrombophlebitis*
 - *visibility of implant*
- _____ I understand and accept that there are complications, including the remote risk of death or serious disability, that exist with any surgical procedure.
- _____ I understand and accept the risks of blood transfusion(s) that may be necessary.
- _____ I understand that tissue cannot heal without scarring and that how one scars is dependent on individual genetic characteristics. The physician will do his/her best to minimize scarring but cannot control its ultimate appearance.
- _____ I am aware that smoking during the pre- and postoperative periods could increase chances of complications.
- _____ I have informed the doctor of all my known allergies.
- _____ I have informed the doctor of all medications I am currently taking, including prescriptions, over-the-counter remedies, herbal therapies and supplements, aspirin, and any other recreational drug or alcohol use.
- _____ I have been advised whether I should take any or all of these medications on the day of the procedure.
- _____ I am aware and accept that no guarantees about the results of the procedure have been made.
- _____ I have been advised of the probable consequences of declining recommended or alternative therapies.
- _____ I have been informed of what to expect postoperatively, including but not limited to: estimated recovery time, anticipated activity level, and the possibility of additional procedures.
- _____ I am aware of the nature and unpredictability of capsular contracture (firmness of calf caused by shrinking scar) and its physical effects.
- _____ I am aware of a possible need for future implant replacement.
- _____ I am aware of rare and unsubstantiated, but possible, relationship to connective tissue disorders such as arthritis, muscle pains, chronic fatigue, and/or long-term muscle weakening.
- _____ I am aware of possible exclusion from body building contests.
- _____ The doctor has answered all of my questions regarding this procedure.

I certify that I have read and understand this treatment agreement and that all blanks were filled in prior to my signature.

I authorize and direct _____, M.D., with associates or assistants of his or her choice, to perform the following procedure of calf implants on _____ at _____.

(patients name) *(name of facility)*

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I further authorize the physician(s) and assistants to do any other procedure that in their judgment may be necessary or advisable should unforeseen circumstances arise during the procedure.

Patient or Legal Representative Signature/Date/Time

Relationship to Patient

Print Patient or Legal Representative Name

Witness Signature/Date/Time

I certify that I have explained the nature, purpose, anticipated benefits, material risks, complications, and alternatives to the proposed procedure to the patient. I have answered all questions fully, and I believe that the patient fully understands what I have explained.

Physician Signature/Date/Time

initial copy given to patient

initial original placed in chart

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