

## BASIC ELEMENTS OF AN INFORMED CONSENT DOCUMENT

(Name [common and technical] and brief description of the procedure to be performed.)

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 (procedure name) have been discussed with me and may include but are not limited to:

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- (Include common complications/risks)
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\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and accept that complications exist, including the remote risk of death or serious disability, with any surgical procedure.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and accept the risks of blood or blood products transfusion(s) that may be necessary (if applicable). [Note: use a separate consent form for blood or blood products.]

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that tissue cannot heal without scarring and that scarring is dependent on individual genetic characteristics. The healthcare provider will do his/her best to minimize scarring but cannot control its ultimate appearance.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware that smoking or using other inhalation products (including tobacco, e-cigarettes, and vaping) during the pre- and postoperative periods could increase chances of complications. I have been advised to discontinue use of these products.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have informed the healthcare provider of all my known allergies.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have informed the healthcare provider 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 when to stop and when to resume taking any or all of these medications on the days surrounding 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 and pain levels, and the possibility of additional procedures.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that any tissue/specimen removed during the surgery may be sent to pathology for evaluation and will be maintained or destroyed in accordance with the protocols of the laboratory.

\_\_\_\_\_ Pre- and postoperative photos, images, and/or videos may be taken of the treatment for healthcare record purposes. I understand that these photos, images, and/or videos will be the property of the attending healthcare provider and will be protected in accordance with federal and state privacy laws.

\_\_\_\_\_ The healthcare provider 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 \_\_\_\_\_ with associates or assistants  
(Name of healthcare provider)  
of his or her choice, to perform the procedure of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Procedure name)  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Patient name) (Date of birth)  
at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Facility name)  
on my \_\_\_\_\_  
(Left, right, level, body part)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient or Legal Representative Signature/Date/Time

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Print Patient's or Legal Representative's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Representative's Relationship to Patient

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Signature/Date/Time

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Witness's Name

I certify that I have explained the nature, purpose, anticipated benefits, material risks, complications, and alternatives to the proposed procedure/treatment and the risks and consequences of not proceeding, to the patient or the patient's legal representative. I have answered all questions fully, and I believe that the patient/legal representative (circle one) fully understands what I have explained.

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Healthcare Provider Signature/Date/Time