

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 services 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 Technique Risks	Total unconscious state, possible placement of a tube into the windpipe.
		Drug injected into the bloodstream, breathed into the lungs, or by other routes.
		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 Anesthesia	Expected Results Technique Risks	Temporary decreased or loss of feeling and/or movement to lower part of the body.
		Drug injected through a needle/catheter placed either directly in to the spinal canal or immediately outside the spinal canal.
		Headache, backache, buzzing in the ears, convulsions, infection, persistent weakness, numbness, residual pain, injury to blood vessels, "total spinal".
<input type="checkbox"/> Major/ Minor Nerve Block <input type="checkbox"/> With sedation <input type="checkbox"/> Without sedation <input type="checkbox"/> Axillary Block <input type="checkbox"/> Interscalene Block <input type="checkbox"/> Femoral Block <input type="checkbox"/> Popliteal or Saphenous Block	Expected Result Technique Risks	Temporary loss of feeling and/or movement of a specific limb or area.
		Drug injected near nerves providing loss of sensation to the area of the operation.
		Infection, convulsions, weakness, persistent numbness, residual pain, injury to blood vessels.
<input type="checkbox"/> Intravenous Regional Anesthesia <input type="checkbox"/> Bier Block <input type="checkbox"/> With sedation <input type="checkbox"/> Without sedation	Expected Result Technique Risks	Temporary loss of feeling and/or movement of a limb.
		Drug injected into veins of arm or leg while using a tourniquet.
		Infection, convulsions, persistent numbness, residual pain, injury to blood vessels.
<input type="checkbox"/> Monitored Anesthesia Care with Sedation	Expected Result Technique Risks	Reduced anxiety and pain, partial or total amnesia.
		Drug injected into the bloodstream, breathed into the lungs, or the other routes producing a semi-conscious state.
		An unconscious state, depressed breathing, injury to blood vessels.
<input type="checkbox"/> Monitored Anesthesia Care without Sedation	Expected Result Technique Risks	Measurement of vital signs, availability of anesthesia provider for further intervention.
		None
		Increased awareness, anxiety and/or discomfort.

I hereby consent to the anesthesia service checked above and authorize that it be administered by a member of the Brigham Anesthesia South, who is credentialed to provide anesthesia services at this facility. I also consent to an alternative type of anesthesia, if necessary, as deemed appropriate by the Anesthesiologist. 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 risks, 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

Responsible Party

Relationship to patient

Anesthesia staff member's signature