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VASECTOMY CONSENT FORM

I have reviewed the vasectomy information carefully and have been given the opportunity to change my mind or wait longer for the performance of the procedure if there is any doubt regarding the same. I also understand as with any other surgical procedure complications can happen with a vasectomy. Some of the complications which are associated with the vasectomy are:

1. Infection- though this is unusual it may need treatment with antibiotics or possible drainage and further surgical procedures.
2. Bleeding – this is an infrequent complication but this may need conservative management or open surgery to control bleeding.
3. Sperm granuloma – this is due to leakage of sperms and causing reaction around the vas deferens which may cause pain, hardening and sometimes spontaneous reunion of the vas deferens causing persistence of sperms. This may result in either failure of vasectomy or require second procedure to remove the nodule and revise the vasectomy which may at times have to be done in an outpatient setting.
4. Loss of blood supply to either one or both testicles, which is extremely unusual, but may happen. This may result in failure of hormonal supply from the testicles, may also require surgery to remove the testicles and possible impotence.
5. Spontaneous recanalization of the contents of the vas deferens which may cause persistent sperms and this can only be checked by careful post operative examination of semen. Semen samples should be taken to the hospital or laboratory of your choice. Two samples are required with a zero sperm count before birth control can be discontinued. More than two samples may be necessary and I understand that birth control should be continued until I am given instructions that all the sperms have disappeared from the semen after adequately performing semen analysis.
6. Taking medications which cause thinning of blood, namely aspirin, Coumadin, Motrin, or other medications in this category, can cause increased bleeding leading to complications which may require surgery, hence, I understand that I should abstain from taking any aspirin or similar products for at least one week before surgery and also for one week after surgery. If there is any question about medication it is my responsibility to check with the doctor and inform him of the particular medications I am taking so that there is no question about this.

Surgical procedure can always be postponed if there is even the slightest doubt about the medications.

At the time of performing a vasectomy, I declare, that I am not taking any blood thinners, to my knowledge, including aspirin, Coumadin, or Motrin.

7. For any of the problems after vasectomy, Doctor may be reached by calling the office at 217-342-9738 during working hours or after working hours please call St. Anthony Memorial Hospital at 217-342-2121, and have the doctor paged. If there is any difficulty reaching the doctor either in the office or the hospital, please go to the nearest Emergency Room and have the Emergency Room physician examine you and ask them to reach the doctor or the physician covering in my absence.
8. These are some of the usual complications, however, complications not mentioned above may be experienced and I have considered all of these facts before signing this consent for vasectomy.

PLEASE NOTE: Occasionally, even after declaring complete sterility after two semen analyses, it is possible that delayed reunion of the vas deferens can happen causing fertility. Although, this is rare, it is reported in literature and I am aware of this possibility of unexpected recanalization or reunion of the vas deferens causing fertility.

I do not hold the physician liable for this unexpected occurrence.

Patient's Signature

Date

Physician's Signature

Date

Witness

Date