

CONSENT FOR ANESTHESIA

The following is provided to inform patients of the choices and risks involved with having treatment under anesthesia. This information is not presented to make patients more apprehensive but to enable them to be better informed concerning their treatment. There are basically four choices for anesthesia: Local anesthesia, conscious/deep sedation, general anesthesia, or no anesthesia. These can be administered, depending on each individual patient's medical status, in a hospital or in a private office. The administration and monitoring of general anesthesia may vary depending on the type of procedure, the type of practitioner, the age and health of the patient, and the setting in which anesthesia is provided. Risks may vary with each specific situation. You are encouraged to explore all the options available for your, or your child's, dental procedure under anesthesia and to consult with your dentist or pediatrician as needed. () Initials

The most frequent side effects of any intravenous infusion are drowsiness, nausea and vomiting, and phlebitis. Most patients remain drowsy or sleepy following their surgery for the remainder of the day. As a result, coordination and judgment will be impaired. It is recommended that adults refrain from activities such as driving and children remain in the presence of a responsible adult. Nausea and vomiting following anesthesia will occur in 15-30% of patients. Phlebitis is a raised, tender, hardened, inflammatory response at the intravenous site. The inflammation usually resolves with local application of warm moist heat; however tenderness and a hard lump may be present up to a year. () Initials

I have been informed and understand that occasionally there are complications of the drugs and anesthesia including but not limited to: pain, hematoma, numbness, infection, swelling, bleeding, discoloration, nausea, vomiting, allergic reaction, stroke, brain damage, or heart attack. I further understand and accept the risk that complications may require hospitalization and even may result in death. I have been made aware that the risks associated with local anesthesia, conscious/deep sedation, and general anesthesia will vary. Of these three, local anesthesia is usually considered to have the least risk and general anesthesia the greatest risk. However, it must be noted that local anesthesia sometimes is not appropriate for every patient and every procedure. Nerve damage from local anesthesia administration usually resolves, however, this may take over one year to heal. Nerve damage from local anesthesia administration may also be permanent. () Initials

I understand that anesthetics, medications, and drugs may be harmful to the unborn child and may cause birth defects or spontaneous abortion. Recognizing these risks, I accept full responsibility for informing the anesthesiologist of the possibility of being pregnant or a confirmed pregnancy with the understanding that this will necessitate the postponement of the anesthesia. For the same reason, I understand that I must inform the anesthesiologist if I am a nursing mother. () Initials

Medications, drugs, anesthetics, and prescriptions may cause drowsiness and incoordination that can be increased by the use of alcohol or other drugs. I have been advised not to operate any vehicle or hazardous device for at least twenty-four hours, or until fully recovered from the effects of the anesthetic, medications, and drugs. I have been advised not to make any major decisions until after full recovery from anesthesia. Parents are advised of the necessity of direct parental supervision of their child for twenty-four hours following anesthesia. () Initials

I hereby authorize and request Kathryn Le, D.D.S. to perform the anesthesia as previously explained to me, and any other procedure deemed necessary or advisable as a corollary to the planned anesthesia. I consent, authorize, and request the administration of such anesthetic or anesthetics (local to general) by any route that is deemed suitable by the anesthesiologist, who is an independent contractor and consultant. It is the understanding of the undersigned that the anesthesiologist will have full charge of the administration and maintenance of the anesthesia, and that this is an independent function from the surgery/dentistry. () Initials

I have been advised of and completely understand the risks, benefits and alternatives of local anesthesia, sedation and general anesthesia. I accept the possible risks and dangers. I acknowledge the receipt of and understand both the preoperative and post-operative anesthesia instructions. It has been explained to me and I understand that there is no warranty and no guarantee as to any result and/or cure. I have had the opportunity to ask questions about my, or my child's, anticipated anesthesia and am satisfied with the information provided to me. It is also understood that the anesthesia services are completely independent from the operating dentist's procedure. The anesthesiologist assumes no liability from the surgery/dental treatment performed while under anesthesia and that the dentist assumes no liability from the anesthesia performed. () Initials

Print Patient's Name _____ Phone _____

Print Parent/Guardian's Name (if applicable) _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Witness _____