

Desert West Surgery

ANESTHESIA CONSENT

For the safety and comfort, an anesthesiologist will be present at your surgery to ensure that proper measures are undertaken to protect your medical health and to keep you as comfortable and as pain-free as possible during your procedure. Prior to your surgery, your anesthesiologist will meet with you and interview you, as well as review any preoperative testing that was ordered for you. You should inform him/her at this time of any adverse reactions or problems with any prior anesthetics or surgeries, including any bleeding problems. If any of your family members have had adverse reactions to anesthesia, or any bleeding problems, please inform your anesthesiologist of this as well. If you have taken any blood thinners in the past six months, including Coumadin, Plavix, Lovenox, Heparin, or aspirin, be sure that both your surgeon and your anesthesiologist are aware of this prior to your surgery, as well as the number of days prior to your procedure these medications were stopped.

During your procedure you may be receiving a general anesthetic, spinal or epidural anesthesia, or intravenous sedation with local injections. Which anesthetic you receive will depend on the type of surgery, your medical condition, and the preference of you and your anesthesiologist. This will be discussed with you at your interview prior to surgery in the preoperative holding area. All methods of anesthesia are generally very safe in healthy individuals. Depending on your medical condition you may be subject to higher risk for heart attacks, congestive heart failure, strokes, pneumonia, respiratory failure, bleeding problems, infections, urinary retention, liver or kidney failure, or blood clot formation and embolizations. It would be impractical and possibly misleading to describe all very rare complications in detail. Any concerns you have regarding these or other medical conditions should be discussed prior to your surgery with your surgeon, your primary care and specialist physicians, and your anesthesiologist.

Following your surgery, oxygen will be administered by your anesthesiologist. In addition, flammable fluids containing alcohol may be used to prep your skin to create a sterile field, and flammable paper sterile drapes will also be used. Although very uncommon, fire resulting in burns have been reported and is a risk in every surgical procedure.

Modern anesthetic agents used today wear off very rapidly. If nausea and vomiting persist beyond 24 hours you should contact our office to speak with the nurse or physician on call. You should not drive or operate heavy equipment for 24-48 hours after your procedure.

We hope this helps to clarify the risks involved in anesthesia for your procedure. If you have further questions or concerns regarding your anesthesia for your procedure please do not sign this form until your surgery scheduler is able to have the nurse or physician answer your concerns regarding anesthesia risks. Your signature below confirms that you understand and agree with the above.

I, , certify that I have read the above or had read to me the contents of this form, and give my consent to have the abovementioned surgery performed. I understand that in spite of every skill and prudent effort made to avoid complications during this procedure, there is no guarantee that a complication will not occur.

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Patient Signature (Guardian/Parent)	Witness	Date
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