

Surgical Consent for Incisional or Abdominal Wall Hernia

Diagnosis:

- You have been diagnosed with an incisional or abdominal hernia
- An incisional hernia occurs through a surgical scar
- An abdominal hernia occurs through the abdominal wall
- A hernia results when the body wall becomes weak. The intestines may then protrude (stick out) through the weak area.

Name of Procedure/Treatment:

- Incisional or abdominal hernia repair is the repair of the weak part in the abdominal wall where the hernia has occurred

Risks common to all surgical procedures:

- Injury to a blood vessel or excessive bleeding. This may require a blood transfusion.
- Infection, which may require the use of antibiotics. In rare cases, another surgical procedure may be necessary to remove the infection.
- Complications with anesthesia. This may include nausea, vomiting, or in rare cases, death.
- Tobacco use, excessive alcohol use and obesity can increase the risk of any surgical procedure or general anesthetic. Any of these factors may substantially affect healing and can result in an increase of major complications including pneumonia, wound infection, blood clots in the legs and lungs, or death.

Risks and complications of the proposed treatment:

- Recurrences of the hernia, which may require further surgery
- Bleeding with hematoma formation. A hematoma is a swollen area where blood has pooled. It may result in an area resembling a large bruise.
- Infection which may require you to take antibiotics or another surgical procedure to remove the infection
- Injury to other body organs that could require that another surgical procedure be performed
- Pain after surgery requiring you to take pain medication
- Scarring at the area the incision was made

Risks or complications of the proposed treatment that is specific and unique to the patient:

Alternative treatments:

- Wearing of support garments

Prognosis if the proposed treatment is NOT accepted:

- If you choose not to have surgery, your hernia may enlarge. There is the possibility that the hernia may become incarcerated causing strangulation (loss of blood supply) to the intestine that is sticking out through the body wall. This could result in you needing emergency surgery.
- You may also experience increased pain if the hernia is not repaired.

CONSENT

Consent: I hereby authorize and direct the designated authorized physician/group, together with associates and assistants of his choice, to administer or perform the medical treatment or surgical procedure described in this Consent Form, including any additional procedures or services as they may deem necessary or reasonable, including the administration of any general or regional anesthetic agent, x-ray or other radiological services, laboratory services, and the disposal of any tissue removed during a diagnostic or surgical procedure, and I hereby consent thereto.

I have read and understand all information set forth in this document and all applicable blanks were filled in prior to my signing. This authorization for and consent to medical treatment or surgical procedure is and shall remain valid until revoked by me in writing.

I acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to ask any questions about the contemplated medical procedure or surgical procedure described in this consent form, including risks or alternatives, and acknowledge that my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

Signature of Patient _____ Date/Time _____

Signature of Patient Representative Date/Time

Signature of Witness _____ Date/Time _____

Print Representative's Name

Relationship to Patient