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VASECTOMY CONSENT
VASECTOMY AND WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT IT

There are several points to understand about vasectomy.

1. **It is intended as a PERMANENT PROCEDURE.**
2. **THE PATIENT IS NOT STERILE UNTIL A FOLLOW-UP SPERM CHECK (SEMEN ANALYSIS) HAS DOCUMENTED THE ABSENCE OF SPERM.**
3. **There is a slight chance the vas will somehow become RECONNECTED at a future time. This is called RECANALIZATION and may result in pregnancy.**

The operation is accomplished by exposing the vas deferens, the tube that carries sperm from the testicle to the urethra, through a small incision in the scrotum and removing a portion of the vas. The cut end is then sealed. It is felt that this technique represents a maximal effort to prevent recanalization.

The success of this operation cannot be determined until a period of approximately THREE (3) months has elapsed and a follow-up semen analysis confirms the lack of sperm, or azospermia. Any contraceptive measure presently used should be continued until an absolute zero sperm count is obtained. Occasionally, a second semen analysis may be required at a later date. A separate charge may be made for this study.

Rare cases of late recanalization have been reported to occur. The patient should be aware that this event is a possibility. Despite late canalization, vasectomy is the most reliable, commonly used method of birth control. Other infrequent complications are bleeding, bruising, infection, fever, and pain.

The operative procedure itself is considered minor and is usually performed in 30 minutes or less. You are advised to arrange for someone to be present with you to drive you home. You are also advised to bring supportive underwear to use immediately after the procedure. Complications following a vasectomy are infrequent, but do occur, and are usually related to the failure of the patient to remain totally at rest for the first 24-hours after surgery. For a one-week period following the vasectomy, no strenuous activity should be undertaken. With the proper observance of these precautions, no complications should arise; however, if undue swelling or heavy bleeding occur, you should call the office immediately.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION PRESENTED.
I HAVE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED THE LITERATURE PROVIDED.

_____ I am already a parent either by natural means or adoption.

_____ I am NOT a parent neither by natural means or adoption and therefore, agree to wait a minimum of 30 days from now before undergoing permanent sterilization.

I, the undersigned, being of eighteen years of age or older and of sound mind, hereby request Dr. _____ and assistants of his choice to perform upon me a bilateral vasectomy.

Patient

Date

Witness

Date

Physician

Date