



## Vasectomy Consent

I am requesting a vasectomy procedure, which I understand is a permanent sterilization technique. While vasectomy reversals can be successful, often they are not, so I should consider this to be a permanent sterilization procedure. The procedure and technique have been explained to me and the provider has reviewed potential complications, which could include:

- **Bleeding or hematoma.** This can cause scrotal swelling. This bleeding can usually be avoided by following instructions. In the rare case that it happens, it can be treated by bed rest and elevating the scrotum. Rarely does this need further intervention.
- **Incisional infection.** This can cause inflammation and/or pus drainage from the vasectomy site. This usually can be treated with an antibiotic, opening of the wound, and taking warm baths as needed.
- **Congestive epididymitis.** This is usually very mild but could be an inflammation of the epididymis, which is located next to the testes. This is associated with painful swelling, fever, and chills. This can happen weeks after the procedure.
- **Sperm granuloma.** This is a deep swelling inside the scrotum at the site of the vasectomy. This is a result of the body's reaction to sperm, which leak out from the area. This condition will usually go away on its own and often requires no treatment. If it becomes a problem, it can be surgically removed at a later date.
- **Persistent fertility.** This may result due to an unsuspected (but rare) duplication of the vas deferens or due to failure of the vas deferens to close and seal completely. This may require a repeat vasectomy to correct.

### **GETTING YOUR POST PROCEDURE SEMEN ANALYSIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT!**

- **Reactions to the local anesthetic agent.** Tell your provider if you have ever had any complications with lidocaine.
- **Post vasectomy pain.** You may experience some post vasectomy pain, which is temporary and should be controlled with medication, whether it be a prescription given by your provider or over the counter. On some rare occasions patients have had prolonged or long-term sensitivity.
- **Need for hospitalization.** Extremely rarely, complications happen that may need hospitalization to resolve them.

I received and have followed the pre-procedure instructions and agree to follow the post-procedure instructions. I am here of my own free will and I have been given the chance to have my questions answered.

- I understand that it takes some time to get the vas deferens clear of all sperm (dead and live).
- This can vary from person to person, but the approximate number of ejaculations it takes to do this is 25 over a 3-month period.
- I must have a semen sample without the presence of dead or live sperm to be considered sterile. This sample must be obtained at least 12 weeks after the procedure.

**If you consent to having this procedure AND understand the risks, please sign below.**

Patient \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinician \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_