



Patient Name _____ Patient Acct. # _____

CONSENT FOR MRI WITH AND / OR WITHOUT CONTRAST

If you are pregnant or think you may be, please inform the technician at once. If you have any heart stents, valves, a pacemaker, aneurysm clips, or any other metal devices or electrical objects, please inform the technician.

Patient: You have the right to be informed about your medical condition and the recommendation for any surgical, medical or diagnostic procedures. It is your decision whether or not you want to undergo the procedure after knowing all the details, risk and hazards involved in each procedure.

There may be other imaging alternatives, however your physician believes the MRI to be the best diagnostic test for you. The benefit of this examination is to assist your physician with a diagnosis for your condition. Please ask to speak with the technician or supervising physician should you have any questions regarding an alternative imaging procedure.

Your physician has recommended you have an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) examination performed to obtain additional information to aid in treating you. The MRI system used magnetic field/radio waves to get the image of the internal body part(s) being examined. There is no radiation in the use of a MRI. The MRI can help diagnosis acute conditions which can go undetected with normal x-rays and may delay treatment.

A MRI can be given with or without the injection of contrast. The contrast can be injected into your veins in order to produce a better image of the body parts. If you wish to refuse the contrast injection, please inform the technician and the MRI will be done without contrast.

A saline solution will drip through the intravenous line to prevent clotting until the contrast material is injected at some point during the exam. Unlike contrast agents used in x-ray studies, MRI contrast agents do not contain iodine and therefore rarely cause allergic reactions or other problems. If you have a history of kidney failure and are scheduled to undergo a procedure which requires gadolinium, you may be at risk for a rare condition known as Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis or Nephrogenic Fibrosing Dermopathy (NSF/NFD). NSF/NFD may result in damage to body organs and possible death.

Potential Risk: Although gadolinium has been found to be a very safe contrast agent, there is always the risk of a reaction. These reactions can range from minor ones such as nausea, warmth at the injection site, headache, dizziness, itching, pain & swelling at injection site, flushing hives, difficulty in swallowing to severe reactions such as cardiac arrhythmias, shortness of breath, wheezing, convulsions, unresponsiveness, or even death. These life-threatening reactions are exceedingly rare, occurring in only 0.01%-0.001% of cases. The medical personnel in charge of your exam are prepared and trained to respond to these types of reactions.

If you previously have had a reaction to a contrast injection such as hives, shortness of breath, severe itching, or any other significant reaction requiring hospitalization, a history of asthma, other allergic reactions, sickle cell anemia, kidney disorder, if you are pregnant or breastfeeding, please inform the technician.

By signing this document, you agree that you have read this form, understand the information above, and have had any questions answered. In addition, you agree that you: 1) have been explained the purpose of using the contrast agent; 2) understand the risks, benefits, and complications associated with the contrast agent; 3) are aware of possible alternatives to the contrast agent; and 4) have been given the right to refuse to consent to the procedure.

Patient/Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Technician Signature

Date