



ANESTHESIA INFORMED CONSENT

PATIENT LABEL

You have consented to a procedure that requires administration of an anesthetic. Anesthesia at Klamath Surgery Center is administered by Board Eligible MD Anesthesiologists who are members of the Klamath Surgery Center staff. These physicians are not employees of Klamath Surgery Center and are responsible for all information concerning the benefits, risks and alternatives to the anesthesia to be given to you.

PROCEDURE: Modern anesthesia is generally very safe and well tolerated, and is designed to prevent you from feeling pain or emotional stress during various surgical procedures. Various types of anesthesia may be employed.

- All anesthesia techniques involve the skillful management of various life functions designed to maintain and improve your health.
- Monitored Anesthesia-The Anesthesiologist provides sedation or “twilight sleep” to keep the patient comfortable during the procedure.
- Regional Anesthesia-Involves the injection of local anesthetics to “numb” various regions of the body combined with monitored anesthesia.
- General Anesthesia-The patient is rendered unconscious for major surgical procedures. The Anesthesiologist then assists and monitors the patients breathing and other physiologic functions.

RISKS: Any anesthetic always carries some risks. No one can say for certain whether or not you will have a complication. The common risks associated with anesthesia include the following from more frequent minor problems to less frequent major problems:

- Any Monitored or Regional Anesthetic may need to be changed to a General Anesthetic at any time although not planned at the start of the procedure.
- Local or generalized tissue soreness and nerve irritation.
- Nausea, vomiting and headache, including post spinal headaches (approx. 1/100)
- Injury to teeth, eyes, or nerves
- Injuries due to changes in the function of major organ systems including the brain and heart
- Allergic drug reactions
- Very rare risks include:
 - inadequate anesthesia and unintended awareness
 - death** (on average 1 in every 100,000 anesthetics for completely healthy patients)
- It is impossible and misleading to the average person to describe in detail on this paper all of the possible anesthesia complications, especially since the incidence of serious complications is very small. Your anesthesiologist would be happy to discuss these with you in further detail.

ALTERNATIVES: often some procedures can be done without anesthesia. Many procedures however cannot be done without anesthesia. In these cases you must decide whether having the procedure is worth the risks of anesthesia. This decision can be made by discussions between you and your doctors. If a more detailed discussion concerning complications or any of the above information is desired, your anesthesiologist would be happy to discuss it with you. Your anesthesiologist will be explaining to you in greater detail the various anesthetic options and recommendations. Each patient has the right to consent to or refuse any proposed medical procedure.

Your signature below constitutes your acknowledgement of the following:

- That you have read and understand the foregoing,
- That the proposed anesthetic plan has been satisfactorily explained to me and I have all the information you desire,
- I hereby give my authorization and consent to the administration of anesthesia, and wish to proceed as planned.

I have read or had read to me this consent and understand it

Yes No

I have read the Division of Anesthesia policy and Protected Health Information. (on back)

Yes No

Patients signature (or representative and relationship)

DATE

TIME

Or, if patient is under 15 years of age: _____
Representative’s Signature Showing Relationship to Patient

Authorized Witness Date/Time

Anesthesiologist Date/Time



Patient Privacy Policy & Information Practices

Klamath Surgery Center's Department of Anesthesiology is committed to maintaining all of our patients' confidentiality regarding personal health information (PHI).

Your Personal Health Information (PHI)

We take steps to protect and secure all PHI from unauthorized access. All employees are trained in confidentiality policies and practices. We authorize access to your PHI only to conduct our business (billing, accounting, etc.), and only with contractors with strict confidentiality policies. Only the information needed to conduct our business is released as permitted or required by law.

Information Collected

The PHI we collect includes: Name, Social Security number, Address, Telephone, Insurance information, Medical History, etc. This information is collected by Klamath Surgery Center.

Your Rights

You have the right to access your PHI by written request describing the information needed. You may request to make changes to your PHI, however; requests may be refused. You may submit a statement explaining your request, which will be filed with your PHI. Occasionally a third party would like your PHI. Your PHI will not be released without your written authorization, which can be revoked at any time. You will be provided with the written request detailing the exact PHI requested.

Klamath Surgery Center's Anesthesiologists are committed to providing the best in Anesthesia care and in protecting your personal health information.

Your signature below constitutes your acknowledgment of Klamath Surgery Center's Department of Anesthesia Privacy Policy and Information Practices. It also constitutes a release of your PHI to be used as described above.

Please acknowledge you have read this by checking yes then sign and date the other side.