

Goehring Dental

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Informed Consent for Anesthesia

The following is provided to inform patients of the choices and risks involved with having treatment under anesthesia. This information is not presented to make patients apprehensive, but enable them to be better informed concerning their treatment.

I hereby authorize and request Dr. Goehring/Badea and _____ to perform the anesthesia as previously explained to me, and any other procedures deemed necessary or advisable as a corollary to the planned anesthesia. I consent, authorize and request the administration of such anesthetic or anesthetics (local to general) by any route that is deemed suitable by the anesthesiologist, who is contracted through Eastern Medical Staffing. It is the understanding of the undersigned that the anesthesiologist will have full charge of the administration and maintenance of the anesthesia and this is an independent function from the surgery/dentistry.

The most frequent side effects of any IV anesthesia are drowsiness, nausea/vomiting and phlebitis. Most patients remain drowsy or sleepy following their surgery for the remainder of the day. As a result, coordination and judgement will be impaired for as long as 24 hours. It is recommended that patients refrain from activities such as driving, and that children remain in the presence of a responsible adult during this time period. Nausea and vomiting following anesthesia will occur in 10-15% of patients. Phlebitis is a raised, tender, hardened, inflammatory response at the intravenous site. The inflammation usually resolves with local application of warm moist heat, however, tenderness and a hard lump may be present up to a year.

I have been informed and understand that rarely there are complications of anesthesia including but not limited to: pain, hematoma, numbness, infection, swelling, bleeding, discoloration, nausea, vomiting, allergic reaction, pneumonia, stroke, brain damage, heart attack and death. I further understand and accept the risks that complications may require hospitalization. I have been made aware of the various risks associated with local anesthesia, conscious sedation and general anesthesia. Of these three, local anesthesia is usually considered to have the least risks and general anesthesia the greatest risk. However, it must be noted that local anesthesia sometimes is not appropriate for every patient and every procedure.

I understand that anesthetics, medications and drugs may be harmful to the unborn child and may cause birth defects or spontaneous abortion. Recognizing these risks, I accept full responsibility for informing the anesthesiologist of the possibility of being pregnant or a confirmed pregnancy with the understanding that this will necessitate the postponement of the anesthesia. For the same reason I understand that I must inform the anesthesiologist if I am a nursing mother.

Medications, drugs, anesthetics and prescriptions may cause drowsiness and lack of coordination which can be increased by the use of alcohol or other drugs. I have been advised not to operate any vehicle or hazardous device for at least 24 hours or longer until me or my child have recovered from the effects of the anesthetic, medications and drugs. I have been advised of the necessity of direct parental supervision of my child for 24 hours following anesthesia.

I have been fully advised and completely understand that alternatives to sedation and general anesthesia. I accept the possible risks, side effects and dangers of anesthesia. I acknowledge the receipt of and understand that there is no warranty and no guarantee as to any result or cure. I have had the opportunity to ask questions about mine or my child's anesthesia and I am satisfied with the information provided to me. It is also understood that the anesthesia services provided to me are completely independent from the operating dentist's procedure. The anesthesiologist assumes no liability from the surgery/dentistry performed while under anesthesia and that the dentist assumes no liability from the anesthesia performed.

Signed _____

Printed Name _____

Witness _____

Date _____