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BACLOFEN PUMP CONSENT FORM

Patient:

You have been scheduled for a baclofen pump placement. Your surgery is scheduled for _____. The surgery involves making an incision in your lower back and inserting a catheter into the spinal sac and directing the catheter up to the appropriate level in the spine under fluoroscopic guidance. Once the catheter is in the correct location a second incision will be made in your abdomen in order to place the pump in its proper position. After the second incision is made the end of the catheter in your spine will be tunneled underneath your skin and out through the incision in your abdomen. The catheter will then be connected to the pump and the pump will then be implanted in a pocket created in the abdomen. Once the pump is in place your incisions will be closed with sutures.

As with any surgery, there are risks that may occur during the surgery and in the postoperative period, including but not limited to:

1. Blood loss and the need for transfusion: This type of surgery typically has very little blood loss and it is unlikely that you will require a transfusion. If you require a transfusion the donated blood is carefully screened for AIDS (HIV) and hepatitis, but there are risks of you developing such infections from a transfusion.
2. Infection: There is a risk for infection. Antibiotics will be given to you right before the surgery and for at least 24 hours postoperatively in order to minimize the risks for infection.
3. Injury to the nerves in the spinal canal or injury to the spinal cord resulting in paralysis or loss of bowel, bladder and sexual function.
4. Lack of benefit of the pump with persistence or worsening of your spasticity.
5. Cerebral spinal fluid leak, which may require reoperation to repair the leak.
6. Pump failure due to low battery, catheter disconnection, and catheter blockage or pump malfunction necessitating reoperation.
7. Respiratory arrest secondary to the effect of baclofen on the spinal cord.
8. Cosmetic deformity in abdominal region due to the size of the pump.
9. Discomfort in abdominal region or problems with wearing belts or items of clothing due to the size of the pump.
10. Risks of anesthesia: Adverse reaction to the anesthesia or any medications given during the surgery. Any pressure injury to nerves or soft tissues due to positioning on the operating room table.
11. Deep venous thrombosis (blood clot in legs), pulmonary embolism.
12. Heart attack, stroke, coma and death.

I acknowledge that I have read the above consent form and all options and alternative treatments were discussed with me by Dr. Hartwell. In addition, all of the above risks were discussed with me in detail, in laymen's terms, by Dr. Hartwell and I understand all the above risks and possible complications and wish to proceed with surgery.

1. No aspirin, Plavix, Coumadin or anti-inflammatory medication for one week prior to surgery.
2. No medicines for erectile dysfunction (ED medicines) 48 hours prior to surgery.
3. Nothing to eat or drink after 12:01 a.m. on _____.
4. Take the following medicines on the day of surgery with a small sip of water:

Signed: _____ Date: _____