

GULF POINTE SURGERY CENTER

Informed Consent to Treat and Disclose Information

To Our Patient:

You have the right as a patient to be informed about your condition and the recommended surgical, medical or diagnostic procedure to be performed so that you may make the decision whether or not to undergo the procedure after knowing the risks and hazards involved. This disclosure is an effort to make you better informed so you may give or withhold your consent to the procedure.

I hereby consent to the performance of operations and procedures in addition to or different from those now planned whether or not arising from presently foreseen conditions, which the doctor named below or his associates or assistants may consider necessary or advisable during the operation or procedure.

I voluntarily request Dr. _____ as my physician, and such associates, technical assistants and other health care providers as they may deem necessary, to treat my condition. I understand that the following surgical, medical, and/or diagnostic procedures are planned for me and I voluntarily consent and authorize those procedures:

(Initials)

_____ I **(do)** **(do not)** consent to the transfusion of blood, blood components as deemed necessary.

_____ I **(do)** **(do not)** consent to the disposal of any tissues or body parts that may be removed in accordance with customary practice.

_____ I consent to photographs, videotapes, digital or audio recordings, and/or images of me being recorded for security purposes and/or the hospital's health care operations purposes (e.g., quality improvement activities). I understand that the facility retains the ownership rights to the images and/or recordings. I will be allowed to request access to or copies of the images and/or recordings when technologically feasible unless otherwise prohibited by law. I understand that these images and/or recordings will be securely stored and protected. Images and/or recordings in which I am identified will not be released and/or used outside of the facility without a specific written authorization from me or my legal representative unless otherwise required by law.

_____ For the purpose of advancing medical education, I **(do)** **(do not)** consent to the admittance of students and persons required for technical support to the room in which the procedure is performed.

_____ I understand that I am scheduled to go home after my surgery and I must have a responsible adult drive me home and stay with me as advised by my physician.

_____ I understand the surgery is intended to be performed on an outpatient basis.
I consent to my transfer to a hospital or other facility should my physician(s) deem it advisable or necessary.

_____ The nature, purpose, and possible complications of the procedure and medical services described above; risks and benefits reasonably expected; and the alternative methods of treatment have been explained to me by the physician; and I understand the explanation I have received.

_____ I understand the Surgery Center is not responsible or liable for the loss of or damage to any article of value that I brought to the center.

_____ I have received and understand this center's Notice of Privacy Practices.

In consideration of the services to be rendered to the patient, the undersigned (as parent, guardian, spouse, guarantor, agent or as the patient) individually promises to pay the patient's account at the rates stated in the Surgery Center's price list (known as the "Charge Master") effective on the date of service, which rates are hereby expressly incorporated by reference as the price term of this Agreement to pay the patient's account. Some special items will be priced separately if there is no price listed on the Charge Master, or the charge is listed as zero. In the event that the Surgery Center has to engage an attorney or collection agency to collect any unpaid balances that arise from the treatment consented to herein, the undersigned agrees to the attorney's fees and collection expenses incurred by the Surgery Center.

An estimate of the anticipated charges for services to be provided to the patient is available upon request from the Surgery Center. Estimates may vary significantly from the final charges based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to the course of treatment, intensity of care, physician practices, and the necessity of providing additional goods and services.

We may use or disclose information about you to bill or receive payment for medical treatment or services provided to you. These disclosures include releasing information;

- (1) to your health plan to obtain prior approval or to determine whether your plan will cover the treatment or services; or
- (2) to individuals or entities involved in collecting amounts owed to us.

Signature _____

Patient	Date	Witness	Time
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(if the patient is a minor or unable to sign, complete the following)

- Patient is a minor
- Patient is unable to sign because _____

Patient	Parent	Legally Designated Representative

I give permission for my protected health information to be disclosed for purposes of communicating results, findings and care decisions to the family members and others listed below:

Name

Name

Name

Name

Patient Signature