



PAIN PROCEDURE CONSENT CHECK LIST

You have a right, as a patient, to be informed about your condition and the recommended spinal procedure. You may then make the decision whether or not to undergo the procedure after knowing the risks and hazards involved. All spinal procedures are elective! This disclosure is not meant to scare or alarm you; it is simply an effort to better inform you so that you may give or withhold your consent to the procedure.

This procedure, or any other type of treatment, may or may not relieve your pain. Generally, many people with pain such as yours have a marked reduction or elimination of their pain following one or more of these procedures. Some people, who have a reduction, but not elimination of their pain, may benefit from further procedures. Some people, however, may not receive any benefit from a procedure such as this.

Just as there may be risks and hazards in continuing in your present condition without treatment, there are also risks and hazards related to the performance of any spinal procedure. The risks / hazards / complications of spinal procedures are very rare, though have been known to occur. These include, but are not limited to: (patient to check off as informed)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Headache | <input type="checkbox"/> Allergic reaction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spinal fluid leak | <input type="checkbox"/> Nerve damage or injury possibly leading to loss of feeling and/or paralysis of bowel, bladder, and/or sexual organs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retention of salt and water | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsteady gait |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transient disturbances of blood sugar | <input type="checkbox"/> Death |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Infection | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abscess | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scar formation around the spinal nerves. | |

Nearly all of the above complications are extremely remote but have been reported to occur.

Patient initials: _____.