

EAST ALABAMA AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER

Consent for Anesthesia

A team of medical professionals will work together to perform my procedure or surgery. My procedure or surgery may require anesthesia which would be under the direction of an anesthesiologist. There are different types of anesthesia and the type that is appropriate based on my physical condition and the procedure or surgery I am about to have has been explained to me. I have had my questions answered. I agree to the anesthetic plan and understand receiving anesthesia for my procedure or surgery involves risks as well as benefits. I also understand:

- There are no promises or guarantees made concerning the results of the anesthetic plan or medications given.
- The benefit of anesthesia is comfort during the procedure or surgery as well as relief and protection from pain.
- The alternative to the anesthetic plan is no anesthesia.
- A care team may be involved consisting of anesthesiologists, certified registered nurse anesthetists and certified anesthesiologist assistants.
- I may withdraw this consent at any time before the anesthetic is given.
- During my procedure or surgery my physical condition could change and the type of anesthesia I receive could therefore change, and that these changes would be made with my safety as the priority.
- Complications may result from the use of any anesthetic plan and serious but rare complications may include damage to nerves, arteries or veins, allergic reactions, loss of reflexes, seizures, paralysis, brain damage, cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest, stroke, organ failure and even death.

I understand there are other risks based on the type of anesthesia I receive and may result specifically from the following:

General Anesthesia: Common risks may include nausea/vomiting, minor discomfort, muscle aches, sore throat, hoarseness, injury to vocal cords, damaged/lost teeth, damage to eyes, such as corneal abrasion (scratch of the eye). While very rare, other complications may include blindness, aspiration, pneumonia or other lung problems and awareness while under anesthesia. The anesthesia provider will not be held responsible for injuring teeth, partials or dentures that are already damaged or in poor condition or that I will not remove.

Regional Anesthesia: Common risks may include pain or discomfort during and after the anesthetic, temporary numbness or paralysis, weakness, pain, backache, headache, ineffective nerve block and conversion to general anesthesia along with its risks listed above. While very rare, some other complications may include temporary or permanent nerve damage or dysfunction, loss of bladder and/or bowel control, broken needle or catheter, and pneumothorax (collapsed lung).

Intravenous Sedation (Minimal, Moderate, Deep): Common risks include ineffective pain relief, awareness, and conversion to general anesthesia along with its risks listed above.