

Consent form: tracheotomy

Tracheotomy is a procedure where an opening is created in the trachea through the lower neck, as an alternative to the natural entranceways (nose, mouth). A cannula is inserted into this opening in order to maintain it open. The procedure is administered when a bypass is necessary for a blocked upper respiratory tract, for prolonged artificial respiration, or in order to drain and suck secretions out of the respiratory tract.

When a tracheotomy has been performed, the patient is unable to speak. In some cases the tracheotomy will remain permanent.

The procedure is performed under general or local anesthetics.

Patient's name: _____
Last name First name Father's name ID

I hereby declare and confirm I have been provided with a detailed oral explanation by

Dr. _____ about the need to perform a tracheotomy
Last name First name

as a result of _____ (hereinafter "The Main Procedure").

It has been explained to me that there are cases of technical failure in performing the tracheotomy, reflected in the inability to insert the cannula into the trachea or in inserting it but diverting from its planned insertion course.

I hereby declare and confirm that the Main Procedure's side effects have been explained to me, including pain and discomfort and slight bleeding from the surgical wound's edges.

It has been explained to me that a scar will remain in every case and that the scar's shape depends on my skin type and its healing properties, with keloid scars developing in some cases (thick, conspicuous scars).

Additionally, the Main Procedure's possible risks and complications have been explained to me, including: prolonged discomfort, difficulty swallowing, infection and secretions from the surgical wound that can spread to the lungs or mediastinum, granulations in the tracheotomy area and trachea requiring treatment, massive life threatening bleeding, perforation of the lung, perforation of the pharynx, perforation of the esophagus, necrosis of the trachea's cartilage, blockage of the cannula and suffocation. In rare cases, some of the complications may lead to death.

