

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.

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After closing of the tracheotomy opening, temporary or permanent alteration of the voice may occur, as well as a fistula between the trachea and skin.

I hereby provide my consent to performance of the Main Procedure.

I hereby declare and confirm that I have been provided with an explanation and understand that it is possible to discover in the course of the Main Procedure that its scope must be extended or altered, or that other or additional procedures need to be performed in order to save the patient's life or prevent physical damage, including additional surgical procedures that cannot at this time be foreseen with any certainty or completeness, but the significance of which has been explained to me. Therefore, I additionally agree to such alteration / extension of the procedure or to the administration of other or additional procedures, including surgical procedures that in the opinion of the institution's physicians will be essential or necessary in the course of the Main Procedure.

I am aware that a transfusion of blood or blood products, such as concentrated red blood cells, fresh plasma, concentrated platelets or cryoprecipitate is given to patients in need of such a transfusion, via an intravenous drip, during surgery or other medical procedures – in light of illness, blood loss, or a lack of blood or one of its components. The administration of blood or blood products is intended to save the life of the patient and to improve his/her chances of recovery and recuperation.

Collection and testing of blood and/or blood products for a transfusion is performed in strict compliance with the guidelines outlined by the Ministry of Health. In addition, the compatibility of the blood units and the blood products with the recipient patient is verified. Nevertheless, there is a very small risk that there may not be full compatibility between the blood and/or blood products and the patient's body, and that, as a result, the patient may suffer an allergic reaction, which will be manifested by fever, rash or chills. These reactions can be successfully treated. In rare cases, a hemolytic reaction (destruction of red blood cells) may occur, which in extreme cases can impair kidney function and even be fatal. In addition, despite the fact that the blood units and the blood products for transfusion are prepared at the Blood Bank, using the most up-to-date methods for detection of possible contamination, there is a small chance of patient infection. This infection may not be detected for a period of months or even years. The risk of becoming infected with viral hepatitis or AIDS (the human immunodeficiency virus) exists, but is extremely rare.

However, the risk to the health of the patient as a result of not receiving the blood or blood-product transfusion during surgery or medical treatment is much greater than the risks inherent in receiving the transfusion. The risks in not receiving blood or blood products include increased length of hospitalization, failure of the medical treatment provided, medical complications, and in certain cases, even death.

In view of the above, I consent to receive a blood transfusion, as justified by my medical condition.

My consent is also hereby provided to the administration of local anesthetics with or without intravenous injection of sedatives, after having been provided with an explanation about the risks and complications of local anesthesia including varying degrees of allergic reactions to the anesthetics, and the possible complications of using sedatives that in rare cases may lead to respiratory impairments and cardiac function impairments, particularly in cardiac patients and in patients with respiratory disorders.

It has been explained to me that if the procedure is performed under general anesthesia, an explanation about the anesthesia will be provided to me by an anesthetist.

I am aware and agree that the Main Procedure and any other main procedure will be performed by the person assigned to do so according to the institutions policies and instructions, and that there is no guarantee that all or any of the procedures will be performed by a particular person, so long as they are responsibly administered as is customary in the institution and subject to the law.

Date	Hour	Patient's signature
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Guardian's name (relationship) Guardian's signature (in case of incompetent, minor or mental patient)

I confirm that I have explained to the patient / the patient's guardian* all of the above in appropriate detail and that he/she has signed this consent form before me after I have become satisfied that he/she fully understands my explanations.

Physician's name	Physician's signature	License no.
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* Strike out the irrelevant item

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