



Informed Consent for GI Procedures

Endoscopic procedures are safe but there are definite risks, this should be understood prior to the procedure and outlined below.

Anesthesia Risk

1. Risk of respiratory depression and hypoxia. This can be easily treated and reversed but may require intubation and mechanical ventilation.
2. Risk of an allergic reaction to anesthesia.

Bleeding Risk

Bleeding may be immediate or delayed. It is usually associated with a biopsy or polyp removal and can occur weeks after procedure. Significant bleeding at the time of procedure will be treated by various methods to stop the bleeding.

IV Risk

An intravenous catheter will be placed to give sedation. With placement of the IV there may be multiple attempts to place catheter. There could be pain associated with this. Understand there is a risk of infection at the IV site and a risk of blood clots leading to vascular complications.

Missed Lesions

Endoscopic procedures, including colonoscopies, are believed to be the best procedures to find abnormalities in the intestines including polyps and cancer. This is highly dependent on how well the bowel is cleaned out and difficult individual anatomy.

Risk of Perforation

All endoscopic procedures have a risk for perforation. This is very rare but can cause serious complications and requires immediate surgery. Multiple conditions increase the risk of perforations including but not limited to age, weight, previous abdominal surgery, and chronic medical issues.

Procedures can be unsuccessful due to patient's anatomy, clinical condition or poor prep and may need to be stopped before completion. Recommendations may include repeat procedure, x-ray, and/or other procedure. Complications and conditions stated above can lead to hospitalization, chronic medical issues, and death.

I (responsible party) have read and understand the risks outlined above prior to procedure.

Sign: _____ Date: _____

The above risks were re-explained (unless declined by patient) prior to procedure.

Physician: _____ Date: _____