

**THE AUSTIN DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC UROLOGY DEPARTMENT  
INFORMED CONSENT FOR VASECTOMY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ to perform a vasectomy on me. A vasectomy is a procedure to make a man infertile (sterile). IT IS A PERMANENT AND IRREVERSIBLE PROCEDURE.

**Description of Procedure**

A vasectomy is a surgical procedure that makes a man permanently sterile or unable to impregnate a woman. When you have a vasectomy, the urologist numbs the scrotum. Then he or she makes a small incision or puncture in the skin so that he or she can access the vas deferens (the tubes that carry sperm). Next, the doctor removes a portion of each vas deferens and seals the ends so that sperm can no longer pass through them. Finally, the doctor returns the vas deferens to the scrotum and closes the incision or puncture. The entire procedure takes about 20 minutes.

**Risks/Possible Complications**

A vasectomy is a simple procedure, but it does involve some risks. After a vasectomy, you can expect minor discomfort such as bruising of the scrotum as well as redness and swelling at the site of the incision. You may also have some drainage from the incision. These are normal parts of the healing process. Pain after the procedure is usually mild and can be controlled by using a scrotal support, cold packs and over-the-counter pain medication such as ibuprofen or Tylenol. Your doctor will also give you a prescription for a pain medication that you can fill if you find that you need a stronger pain controller.

**Complications that could occur following a vasectomy include:**

- Bruising of or pain in the scrotum and testicles
- Inflammation or infection of the scrotum, testicles, and epididymis
- Chronic testicular pain or sperm granuloma
- Possible rejoining of the vas deferens resulting in fertility and pregnancy

**Masculinity and Sexuality**

After a vasectomy, your body's testosterone level will remain the same. Your sex drive, facial hair, voice and other masculine traits will also remain unchanged. A vasectomy does not affect your erections or change the sensation of your orgasm. Your semen, the fluid you ejaculate, will look the same after a vasectomy. Additionally, a vasectomy will not affect your urination.

**Infertility Is Not Immediate**

A vasectomy will not make you immediately infertile. It will take 6-8 weeks (30-40 ejaculations) for all of the sperm to leave your body. IT IS CRITICAL TO USE ANOTHER FORM OF BIRTH CONTROL UNTIL A DOCTOR CONFIRMS THAT YOUR SPERM COUNT IS ZERO.

**Consent for Treatment**

The above information has been explained to me. I certify by my signature below that I have read (or have had read to me) this Informed Consent and that I understand it. Any questions that I asked have been answered in language that I understand. I voluntarily consent to this procedure.

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bring this form with you to your appointment.**