

## ***Taking informed consent to the limit -***

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being about to be subjected to a surgical operation said to be for repair of what my doctor thinks is a hernia (rupture or loss of belly stuff - intestines - out of the belly through a hole in the muscles), do hereby give said doctor permission to cut into me and do duly swear that I am giving informed consent, based on the following information:

The operative procedure is as follows: The doctor first cuts through the skin by a four-inch gash in the lower abdomen. He then slashes through other things - fascia (a tough layer over the muscles) and layers of muscle - until he sees the cord (tube that brings the sperm from testicle to outside) with all its arteries and veins. The doctor then tears the hernia (thin sac of bowel and things) from the cord and ties off the sac with a string. He then pushes the testicle back into the scrotum and sows everything together, trying not to sew up the big arteries and veins that nourish the leg.

Possible complications are as follows:

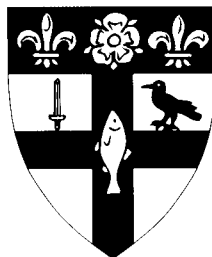
1. Large artery may be cut and I may bleed to death.
2. Large vein may be cut and I may bleed to death.
3. Tube from testicle may be cut. I will then be sterile on that side.
4. Artery or veins to my testicle may be cut - same result.
5. Opening around cord in muscles may be made too tight.
6. Clot may develop in these veins which will loosen when I get out of bed and hit my lungs, killing me.
7. Clot may develop in one or both legs which may cripple me, lead to loss of one or both legs, go to my lungs, or make my veins no good for life.
8. I may develop a horrible infection that may kill me.
9. The hernia may come back again after it has been operated on.
10. I may die from general anaesthesia.
11. I may be paralysed if spinal anaesthesia is used.
12. If ether is used it could explode inside me.
13. I may slip in the hospital bathroom.
14. I may be run over going to the hospital.
15. The hospital may burn down.

I understand the anatomy of the body, the pathology of the development of hernia, the surgical technique that will be used to repair the hernia, the physiology of wound healing, the chemistry of body repair, and the course which my physician will take in treating any of the complications that can occur as a sequela of repairing an otherwise simple hernia.

Patient \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lawyer for Patient \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lawyer for Doctor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lawyer for Hospital \_\_\_\_\_  
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