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**INFORMED CONSENT FOR LOCAL ANESTHESIA**

**I consent to the administration of local anesthesia** by Jeri Shuster MD.

Local anesthesia is medication that will be administered by injection into body tissues or organs involved in your surgical procedure.

The **benefit** of local anesthesia is that it reduces or eliminates pain associated with the procedure.

Local anesthesia is usually safe with few major side effects. Anesthetic formulations may also contain epinephrine (adrenalin). During administration of this drug combination, you are likely to experience rapid heart rate and feeling anxious or "jittery" for several minutes. This can also result in temporary elevation of blood pressure. **Risks** include: injection site reactions such as pain, redness, swelling, infection, and bleeding. Other risks include: failure to alleviate pain and allergic reaction to the anesthetic medication. High dose of these medications may be toxic resulting in absorption into the bloodstream with potential adverse effect on breathing, heartbeat, blood pressure, and other body functions. Risks associated with anesthesia are generally commensurate with age and general health status. (For example, risks increase with elderly age or medical illnesses such as diabetes and heart disease).

The **alternatives** include: using no anesthetic, using an alternate type of local anesthetic medication, or using other types of anesthesia (intravenous sedation, general anesthesia, or regional anesthesia including epidural or spinal).

MY SIGNATURE BELOW INDICATES THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING THAT IS WRITTEN IN THIS FORM AND THAT ALL OF MY QUESTIONS REGARDING LOCAL ANESTHESIA HAVE BEEN ANSWERED TO MY SATISFACTION.

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Patient / Guardian Signature

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Witness Signature

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