

## No-Scalpel Vasectomy Consent Form

I, ..... do consent to the Vasectomy as performed by Dr Larry Bull on this day dated .....

I received a copy of the consent form prior to my appointment to review and I've read and understand the potential complications of:

- **Haematoma**

- Is a collection of blood in the scrotum
  1. It is not uncommon to have a small pea sized lump at the site of the operation inside the scrotum after a vasectomy. If this does happen it should settle within 4 weeks.
  2. Very occasionally  $\approx 1/1000$  cases, a large bleed may occur. This results in a large haematoma in the scrotum with a lump that may be larger than the testicle. This also usually settles with time on its own but may require a hospital visit and up to 2-4 weeks off work until it absorbs on its own.
- The second scenario is rare but possible.

- **Sperm Granuloma**

- Small tender lump in the scrotum. This is inflamed tissue and usually settles down with time, but sometimes needs treatment with anti-inflammatory or injection.

- **Increased scrotal tenderness after vasectomy**

- There may be some increased tenderness in the scrotum for a short while after the vasectomy  $\approx 4-6$  months. This is not uncommon.
- Very occasionally some men may experience increased pain lasting more than 3 months, which may result in a chronic pain syndrome requiring treatment. This only affects approximately  $< 1\%$  of men.

- **Potential risk of failure**

- Rarely the vas deferens may rejoin. The chance of this happening is 0-0.5%. This is a much smaller failure rate than the Oral Contraceptive Pill.
- It is also possible to have a late failure. This means that the vas deferens rejoin months or years after the vasectomy, and after the negative sperm count. This is extremely rare  $\approx 1/2000-3000$ . This is a much lower failure rate than other forms of contraception. It is common practice to do only the one sperm count that proves sterility, but a man can always repeat this at a later date if he so desires.
- Vasectomy is considered one of the best forms of contraception and definitely the best choice for a man if he wants to take personal control of any future pregnancies.

- **Infection**

- Causing pain, swelling and discomfort. This requires antibiotic treatment.

I understand that I must provide a semen sample for testing for QML (at least 12 weeks, but preferably 16 weeks and 20 ejaculations) after the vasectomy, and understand the need to continue to use some other form of birth control/contraception until the results confirm a negative sperm count.

I understand that a vasectomy is not always reversible and that I have no intention of reversal at this stage.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS): .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

