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Several days ago Dr. Kline dictated an informational vasectomy consent form. The resulting transcript has been edited and is now ready for you to prepare in final form. The words "PROCEDURE: VASECTOMY" are to be used as a heading. In the future, Dr. Kline wishes to provide a copy for each patient who requests a vasectomy.

VASECTOMY

You and your doctor are considering an operation called *vasectomy*. The operation consists of making two small surgical cuts in the scrotal sac (the bag that contains the testicles) and cutting and ~~tying up~~ <sup>tying</sup> the tubes that carry the sperm or

"seed." ~~Today this~~ <sup>that</sup> operation is usually performed to sterilize the patient. A man who has been sterilized <sup>is</sup> able to make a woman pregnant; he is unable to father a

child. This operation <sup>ordinarily</sup> does not have any <sup>e</sup> effect on <sup>the</sup> a man's enjoyment of <sup>tr</sup> intercourse <sup>or his</sup> ability to have intercourse. A small percent <sup>of</sup> patients do have mental difficulties after having <sup>had</sup> a vasectomy. These <sup>mental</sup> difficulties could <sup>interfere</sup> result in ~~interference~~ with normal sexual <sup>function</sup> and normal social behavior. Your doctor cannot <sup>a</sup> ~~make no~~ guarantee ~~as to~~ the results that might be obtained from this operation.

[ ~~The~~ <sup>lc</sup> vasectomy operation is quite simple, and the vast majority of patients do not have any problems during or after surgery. The operation <sup>is</sup> usually done under a "local" anesthetic <sup>tic</sup> to ~~deaden~~ the skin there. This anesthetic <sup>tic</sup> is very safe although <sup>rare</sup> there ~~have been some~~ reports of severe allergic reactions <sup>have appeared</sup> in the medical literature. Conceivably, a person could have heart stoppage and stop breathing from the effects of this anesthetic. <sup>tic</sup> However it is not possible to advise you of

every imaginable complication. ~~The purpose of this form is not to frighten you or a~~ <sup>negative effects</sup> ~~upset you.~~ The ~~bad complications~~ referred to are very unlikely. ~~The purpose of this cap~~

A very small percentage of vasectomy operations are complicated by infection and damage to the testicles.

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 form is to merely insure that your decision to have a vasectomy is not made in  
 ignorance of the risks and side effects of this kind of operation. You should be  
 advised that the vasectomy operation is not immediately effective. Until the doctor  
 tests you after the operation and finds that you are sterile, you cannot engage in  
 intercourse without the risk of making the woman pregnant. Usually vasectomy  
 results in permanent sterility. In a very small percentage of patients the tubes that  
 carry the sperm of "seed" open up again all by themselves. This results in an unex-  
 pected or unwanted pregnancy. If you should decide after the operation that you do want  
 to father a child, you will need to have another second operation. Only about 30% of  
 patients who have this second operation can father children again. Because of this,  
 you should consider that the vasectomy will make you permanently unable to  
 father children.

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I certify: I have read or had read to me the contents of this consent form. I under-  
 stand the risks and side effects of this operation; all blanks or statements requiring  
 insertion of completion were filled in or crossed out before I signed. I hereby  
 request and authorize Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ to perform a vasc operation on me

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 Patient's Signature  
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 Witness

Additional Risk: This sterilization operation cannot be guaranteed 100%. Although  
 the failure rate is less than 1%, there is always the possibility that you will be  
 able to father a child after the surgery is performed.