

## MICROSURGICAL TUBAL ANASTOMOSIS CONSENT FORM

It has been determined that you are infertile or sterile and the reason for this condition is because your fallopian tubes are not open. The fallopian tubes are the tubes in the female pelvis, which allow the egg produced by your ovaries to reach your uterus or womb. If these tubes are closed, it is unlikely that the sperm could come into contact with the egg resulting in pregnancy. You and your physician are considering an operation on your fallopian tubes to try and make them open in an attempt to make you fertile. This operation will not help you physically. It is only performed on those women who have an overwhelming desire to become pregnant. Furthermore, as in any operation there exists the possibility of complications developing. **It is possible that this operation will not help; it is even possible that you will be worse after the operation.** Your physician can make no guarantee as to the results or benefits that may be obtained from this operation.

Fallopian tube reconstruction requires a surgical cut in the lower abdomen. Following such incision the physician may find that the fallopian tubes are too damaged to repair and no reconstruction can be performed. Complications from microsurgical tubal anastomosis are infrequent but can occur. Some of the possible complications of this operation include:

Bleeding; infection; generalized disease and inflammation of the lining of the belly; injury to the bladder and/or intestines; abnormal or "ectopic" pregnancy; hernia or "rupture" developing at the site of the surgical cut in the belly; damage to the nerves going to the legs, causing weakness, numbness, and pain in the thighs, legs, and feet; pneumonia; blood clots in the legs and lungs; stroke and heart attacks. These complications can result in prolonged illness, the need for blood transfusions, poor healing, scarring and the need for further surgical operations.

An ectopic pregnancy is a pregnancy that develops in the fallopian tubes instead of in the uterus or womb. Approximately 10% of women who have pregnancies following pelvic microsurgery have the pregnancy occur in the fallopian tube. This type of pregnancy may require further surgery and always results in termination of the pregnancy without live birth. Some of the other possible complications of fallopian tube reconstruction can cause prolonged illness, scarring, poor healing wounds, and permanent deformity. Very rarely, some of the complications of fallopian tube reconstruction can even cause death. The purpose of this form is to ensure that your decision to have surgery is made with full knowledge of the risks of this kind of operation.

I CERTIFY: I have read or had read to me the content of this form; I understand the risks, complications and alternatives involved in this operation. I have had the opportunity to ask any questions which I had, and all my questions have been answered. I understand the procedure(s) and the potential risks and complications associated with the procedure(s) and that alternative procedure(s) may be available. I sign this consent freely and voluntarily and by my signature below, consent to the procedure(s) discussed herein. No warranty or guarantee has been made as to the result.

I therefore, authorize and direct Edward Zbella, M.D. and/or Mark Sanchez, M.D. and their associates to perform the following surgery on me: **Microsurgical Tubal Anastomosis**, and to do any other therapeutic procedure that medical judgment may dictate to be advisable for me. I understand that Drs. Zbella and Sanchez may use resident physicians to assist in the surgery.

DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Signature

I have consulted with and explained the contents of this consent form to the person above.

DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Physician Signature