

Anything that penetrates the skin such as a shot, biopsy or surgical removal of a lump may have complications such as:

- The introduction of an infection under the skin. This will first be noticed as redness and tenderness that spreads. Contact the physician as soon as possible.
- There may be bleeding that may cause a bruise or blood clot under the skin. This will absorb and go away in time. If the blood clot becomes infected, it will become increasingly tender and arm and redness will spread. Call your physician if this occurs.
- Bleeding may occur and continue. Blood may seep from the incision or it may begin to swell within a couple of hours following the procedure. Apply pressure on the bleeding or swelling and notify your physician.
- Something under the skin may be injured. This could be a nerve that could cause a loss in sensation or decrease in muscle tone. Notify the physician as soon as you are aware of this possibility. It is likely that nothing can be done to remedy this complication.

The prescribing physician may not be available when you call about a possible complication. Other physicians or members of the staff of this office will be able to assist you when you call if necessary. Please indicate that this is a medical problem from a treatment or procedure and that you need to speak to someone on the clinical staff.

This information is provided to help you decide if you wish to receive the treatment or tests recommended with the knowledge of these potential complications. You will receive more information about medications provided to you by your pharmacist. **By signing this, you are giving your consent and permission for the physicians and staff to prescribe and perform treatments and tests they recommend for your health needs.** You should ask any questions you might have if you do not understand the potential benefits and complications. You always have the right to not take any prescription or refuse any procedure or test even if you have previously consented to it. The alternative for not accepting the treatment prescribed and doing nothing is that the condition may get worse, stay the same or possibly get better on its own. As mentioned before, there usually are alternative treatments available for your particular problem.

This informed consent will be kept on record and considered active for all treatments following the date of your signature. You will receive a copy to have available whenever you should need it. This will apply to any treatments and recommended test should they occur in this office, as a result of a phone call from you, at a hospital or an emergency facility when any physician or staff of this office is present. For procedures and tests with more significant and specific complications, a specific informed consent will be obtained.

Signature of Patient

Date

Print Patient's Name