

Left Right Bilateral **Open Inguinal / Femoral Hernia Repair  
Consent Form**

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Patient ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Washington State law guarantees that you have both the right and the obligation to make decisions regarding your health care. Your physician can provide you with the necessary information and advice, but as a member of the health care team, you must participate in the decision making process. This form acknowledges your consent to treatment recommended by your physician.

**1 MY PROCEDURE**

I hereby give my consent for Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ to perform a Left Right Bilateral **Open Inguinal/Femoral Hernia repair** upon me. I understand the procedure is to be performed at the First Hill Surgery Center. This has been recommended to me by my physician in order to diagnose and/or treat a Left Right Bilateral inguinal/femoral hernia.

I understand that the procedure or treatment can be described as follows:  
**By making a small incision in the groin area over the hernia, my surgeon will reduce and repair the defect (hernia). Repair of the hernia may utilize either sutures, the implantation of a mesh prosthetic, or both. Your surgeon will pick the appropriate repair based on symptoms and the size of the hernia.**

This procedure requires general anesthesia which will be administered by a qualified anesthesiologist.

**2 MY BENEFITS**

**Some potential benefits of this procedure include:**

- Reduction and repair of Left Right Bilateral inguinal/femoral hernia; reduced risk of incarceration or obstruction due to the hernia; reduced pain associated with the hernia; improved appearance of the area of the hernia

While an Open Inguinal/Femoral Hernia repair is often an effective treatment for groin hernias, not all conditions, diseases or problems of the groin can be diagnosed or treated solely by surgical repair.

**3 MY RISKS**

I understand that there are **potential risks, complications and side effects** associated with any surgical procedure. Although it is impossible to list all of them, I have been informed of some of the possible risks, complications and side effects of this procedure.

**These could include but may not be limited to the following:**

- Intra-operative or post-operative bleeding, wound or prosthetic (mesh) infection, recurrence of the hernia or the need for further surgery, pain at the incision site (long or short term) possibly resulting in disability, numbness at or around the incision site (long or short term), neuralgia or neuropathy (inadvertent or unexpected injury to nerves causing temporary or permanent numbness or pain), post-operative swelling and/or bruising, an accumulation of fluid at the surgery site (hematoma or seroma),

undesired appearance of the wound after surgery, injury to the testicle or spermatic cord possibly resulting in loss of the testicle.

Some of these risks, complications and side effects are not serious or do not happen frequently. Although these risks, complications and side effects may occur only very rarely, they do sometimes occur and cannot be predicted or prevented by the physician performing the procedure.

**4 MY CONSENT**

Although most procedures have good results, I understand that **no guarantee** has been made to me about the results of this procedure or the occurrence of any risks, complications and side effects.

I recognize that during the course of treatment, unforeseeable conditions may require **additional treatment or procedures**.

I request and authorize my physician and other qualified medical personnel to perform such treatment or procedures **as required**.

I have chosen to undergo this procedure after considering the **alternative forms of diagnosis and/or treatment** for my condition including no treatment or other procedures or tests. Alternatives to this procedure may include, but are not limited to laparoscopic surgical repair of the inguinal/femoral hernia, delayed repair, observation without surgery and compressive binder. These alternative forms of treatment have their own potential risks, benefits and possible complications.

**I certify that I have read or had read to me the contents of this form and will follow any patient instructions related to this procedure.**

I understand the potential risks, complications and side effects involved with the proposed Left Right Bilateral **Open Inguinal/Femoral Hernia repair** and have decided to proceed after considering the possibility of both known and unknown risks, complications, side effects and alternatives.

I have had the opportunity to ask questions and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I consent to the above procedures as deemed necessary or appropriate by my physician or credentialed provider.

<p><b>Patient Signature:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____ <b>Time:</b> _____</p> <p>Patient is unable to consent because _____. I therefore consent for the patient. <b>Authorized Consenter's Signature:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____ <b>Time:</b> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Printed Name:</b> _____ <b>Relationship to Patient:</b> _____</p> <p>Mark this box if telephone consent</p> <p><b>Witness Name:</b> _____ PRINT NAME</p>
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<p>By my signature below I attest to the fact that I explained the procedure to the patient.</p> <p><b>Physician Name:</b> _____ PRINT NAME</p> <p><b>Physician Signature:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____ <b>Time:</b> _____</p>
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