THYROIDECTOMY
Informed Consent

Thyroidectomy is a procedure of removing part or the entire thyroid gland, typically done under general anesthesia. This is performed because of concern about possible or obvious malignancy, severe enlargement, hyperactivity and other more uncommon clinical reasons.

Benefits of thyroidectomy:

1. Elimination of problems related to the above.
2. Ascertaining that no malignancy exists.
3. Elimination of compression to the area of the neck, airway and digestive tract

Potential adverse outcome:

1. Hemorrhage
2. Infection
3. Compromise to recurrent nerve (nerve to the voice box) resulting in weakened voice
4. Compromise to parathyroid gland with resultant need to take calcium supplements and other medications.
5. Compromise to the airway requiring temporary airway through the trachea.
6. Complications related to general anesthesia, scar formation

Depending on the extent of the surgery, the patient(s) may need to take thyroid supplementation for the rest of their lives.

I/We have been given an opportunity to ask questions about my condition, alternative forms of treatment, risks of non-treatment, the procedures to be used, and risks and hazards involved, and I/we have sufficient information to give this informed consent. I/We certify this form has been fully explained to me/us, and I/we understand its contents. I/We understand every effort will be made to provide a positive outcome, but there are no guarantees.

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Patient/Legal Guardian (Print)

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Patient/Legal Guardian (Signature)

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Witness

Date: _________________________________