

## UROLOGIC SURGEONS

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### Vasectomy General Information

1. A consultation is required with Christopher Cassisi, M.D. or Daryll B. Bullen, M.D. The doctor will discuss the surgical procedure and any potential complications which may include bleeding, infection, loss of testicles, pain, swelling, possible sexual dysfunction, possible long range immunological problems, and any other unforeseen problems that could require further surgical and/or medical therapy
2. A consent and release form must be signed prior to procedure.
3. The fee for the consultation visit is due at the time of check-in.
4. **The Vasectomy procedure is scheduled for a later date and will not be performed the same day as your Vasectomy consult.** The procedure fee you are quoted includes the surgical procedure and any necessary post-operative follow up visit(s). **We require a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 prior to scheduling the surgical procedure.** This deposit will be applied to your total surgical procedure fee that is due in full on or before the date of surgery. **NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY WILL BE MADE.**
5. The procedure requires approximately one hour and is usually performed in the office using a local anesthetic injected into the skin. Occasionally, it may be necessary to perform the Vasectomy in a hospital or surgical facility. The doctor will discuss this with you. Should the Vasectomy be performed in the hospital or surgical facility, our portion of your surgical fee is due one week before the date of surgery. You will be billed separately by the hospital or surgical facility for the cost of the operating room, surgical pathology analysis, anesthesia, and any other facility-related costs.
6. Before reporting on the day of surgery, you must shave the scrotal area where the incisions are to be made. Antibiotics will be prescribed by your physician and should be taken as directed. The medication for sedation should be taken one hour prior to Vasectomy.
7. On the day of your procedure, you must bring an athletic supporter or tight Jockey underwear to wear home after the surgery and an ice pack. Please do not bring boxer underwear.
8. A post-operative instruction form will be given to you on the day of surgery. Please read this carefully prior to leaving the office and ask the doctor to clarify any questions you may have at this time. This instruction sheet must be followed carefully.
9. If the procedure is done in the office, there will be an additional charge for the pathology analysis of the portions of the vas removed. This bill will come directly to you from the pathology laboratory.
10. Your activity after surgery needs to be limited and is described in the postoperative instruction sheet. Once intercourse is resumed 7-10 days after Vasectomy, contraception to prevent pregnancy must be used. After having intercourse or ejaculation 20-25 times, a seminal fluid specimen must be brought in to the office for the provider to determine the absence of sperm. You cannot stop using contraception until this has been performed and you have been cleared to have unprotected sex by someone in our office.
11. It is recommended that seminal fluid analysis be performed annually to confirm your continued sterility.
12. There are no eating restrictions prior to surgery.
13. You must have someone accompany you to appointment to drive you home.
14. All aspirin, ibuprofen, anti-inflammatory medications and any blood thinners must be discontinued **5 days prior to the procedure.**
15. **You will need to contact Tina, the surgery scheduler in our office, at (352) 332-4563 between the hours of 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM the day prior to your Vasectomy for your arrival time.** If your Vasectomy is scheduled on a Monday, you will need to contact our office Friday between 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM. We are closed on weekends and major holidays.

**If you do not confirm your arrival time with our office the day before your procedure, your appointment will be cancelled.**

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INFORMED CONSENT FOR VASECTOMY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize  
Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ to perform a vasectomy on me. A vasectomy is  
a procedure to make a man infertile (sterile). IT IS A PERMANENT AND IRREVERSIBLE  
PROCEDURE.

**Description of Procedure**

A vasectomy is a surgical procedure that make a man permanently sterile or unable to impregnate a woman. When you have a vasectomy, the urologist numbs the scrotum. Then he makes a small incision or punctur  in the skin so that he can access the vas deferens (the tubes that carry sperm). Next, the doctor removes a portion of each vas deferens and seals the ends so that sperm can no longer pass through them. Finally, the doctor returns the vas deferens to the scrotum and closes the incision or puncture.

**Risks/Possible Complications**

A vasectomy is a simple procedure, but it does involve some risks. After a vasectomy, you can expect minor discomfort such as bruising of the scrotum as well as redness and swelling at the site of the incision. You may also have some drainage from the incision. These are normal parts of the healing process. Pain after the procedure is usually mild and can be controlled by using a scrotal support, cold packs and over-the-counter pain medication such as Ibuprofen or Tylenol. Your doctor will also give you a prescription for a pain medication that you can fill if you find that you need a stronger pain controller.

**Complications that could occur following a vasectomy include:**

- Bruising of or pain the scrotum or testicles.
- Inflammation or infection of the scrotum, testicles and epididymis
- Chronic testicular pain or sperm granuloma
- Possible rejoining of the vas deferens resulting in fertility and pregnancy.

**Masculinity and Sexuality**

After a vasectomy, your body's testosterone level will remain the same. Your sex drive, facial hair, voice and other masculine traits will also remain unchanged. A vasectomy does not affect your erections or change the sensation of your orgasm. Your semen, the fluid you ejaculate, will look the same after a vasectomy. Additionally, a vasectomy will not affect your urination.

**Infertility is not immediate**

A vasectomy will not make you immediately infertile. It will take 6-8 weeks (20-25 ejaculations) for all of the sperm to leave your body. IT IS CRITICAL TO USE ANOTHER FORM OF BIRTH CONTROL UNTIL A DOCTOR CONFIRMS THAT YOUR SPERM COUNT IS ZERO.

**Consent for Treatment**

The above information has been explained to me. I certify by my signature below that I have read (or have had read to me) this Informed Consent and that I understand it. Any questions that I have asked have been answered in a language that I understand. I voluntarily consent to this procedure.

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_