



The Empowered Patient Coalition

INFORMED CONSENT CHECKLIST

I HAVE HAD a detailed discussion with my doctor on why a procedure is needed, the risks and benefits, and the alternatives.

I HAVE RESEARCHED my doctor's credentials with the medical board and other Internet sites to confirm licensure, specialty and discipline history.

I KNOW who will be performing my surgery, their experience and training level, and how many times they have successfully performed my surgery.

I HAVE ASKED if I have any pre-surgical responsibilities (such as taking antibiotics, washing with special soap or stopping any medications).

ALL MY QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED before I sign the consent form.

MY CONSENT was obtained by the doctor who will be performing the surgery and not by other staff members.

I HAVE ASKED if my doctor is delegating any part of my surgery to an assistant. I know if any students or trainees will be operating on me.

I HAVE INFORMED my surgeon that I routinely request copies of my Operative Report and I have asked if my surgeon will be listed as the "Responsible Surgeon."