

CONSENT FOR LUMBAR FORAMENOTOMY

I have discussed the operative procedure of decompressive lumbar foramenotomy with the patient. I have explained the operative procedure with its intended benefits of pain relief, halting neurological deterioration, as well as possibly improving function and sensory / motor symptoms.

I have also discussed the risk of potential complications, in particular alluding to:

Failure of symptoms to resolve or continued progression

Nerve root injury.

This can result in increased weakness (permanent or temporary) in legs and/or sensory disturbance with sensory loss or parasthesiae in the limbs and urinary incontinence due to spincteric weakness but the risk of this resulting in a permanent and significant functional neurological disability (paralysis) is very rare, with a risk of less than 1%. This may be due to direct injury or compression from a haematoma.

Dural tear causing CSF leak.

Wound infection

Wrong level surgery : With appropriate intra - operative imaging undertaking the operation at the wrong level should be considered as an extremely rare complication.

Spinal instability

Post - operative urinary retention which may require the insertion of an indwelling urinary catheter for a few days.

Some of these complications may necessitate further surgery.

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Consenting Neurosurgeon

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Consenting Patient

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