

CONSENT FOR LUMBAR LAMINECTOMY

I have discussed the operative procedure of lumbar laminectomy 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 symptoms related to walking.

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

Failure of symptoms to resolve.

Other complications that I have discussed include:

Dural tear causing CSF leak.

Wound and disc space infection.

Nerve root / Cauda equina injury. This can result in increased weakness in the foot, and/or sensory disturbance with sensory loss or parasthesiae in the foot, and urinary incontinence due to sphincteric weakness but the risk of this resulting in a permanent and significant functional neurological disability is very rare, with a risk of less than 1%. This may be due to direct root injury or compression from a haematoma.

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

Post – operative back pain : This may rarely be due to spinal instability and a development of either a kyphosis or spondylolisthesis.

Recurrent canal stenosis.

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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