

CONSENT FOR MECKELS CAVE GLYCEROL INJECTION

I have discussed the operative procedure of Meckels Cave Glycerol injection with the patient. I have explained the operative procedure with its intended benefits of pain relief, with an approximately 50% chance of being pain free for up to five years .

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

Persistence of pain

Recurrence of pain

Facial sensory disturbance with altered or loss of sensation, and / or parasthaesia. This may either be temporary or permanent. The loss of sensation may also affect the cornea, with a resultant loss in the corneal reflex. Very rarely this may lead to a secondary keratitis due to minor trauma and infection and affect visual acuity.

Anaesthesia Dolorosa.

Localised facial swelling, bruising and discomfort due to the submucosal path of the needle.

Failure to cannulate the foramen ovale leading to abandonment of the procedure.

Vascular injury : Inadvertant puncture of an arterial or venous structure may cause localised haemorrhage and swelling.

Very rarely cannulation of the internal carotid artery has been reported to be a cause of cerebrovascular accident due to ischaemia and haemorrhage if the needle is inadvertently placed in the temporal lobe. Carotico – Venous fistula formation has also been reported, and can cause a pulsatile ophthalmoplegia and require endovascular occlusion.

Meningitis.

Signature
Consenting Neurosurgeon

Signature
Consenting Patient

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