

**SURGICAL CARE AND PROCEDURES DURING THE CORONAVIRUS
(COVID-19) PANDEMIC**

**Patient / parental agreement to
investigation or treatment**

Patient record of discussion and awareness of COVID-19 related issues

Patient details (or pre-printed label)

HCA number (or other identifier)

Patient's surname/family name

Patient's first names

Date of birth

Age

Male

Female

Special requirements

(e.g. other language/disabilities include sensory loss, other communication method)

Responsible health professional seeking consent

Job title

SURGICAL CARE AND HAVING A PROCEDURE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

This is an addition to the routine consent for your surgical procedure which will also be taken

To be retained in patient's notes

Statement of health professional seeking consent

Key Information for patients

HCA Healthcare is doing everything we can to continue to provide surgery at this time. However, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has placed significant demands on all health services and will continue to do so for many months as we recover from its impact.

This form is to make you aware that your surgical care or procedure at this time may be affected in several ways, and to ask you to agree to follow the measures we have put in place for your safety and that of our other patients.

You may be impacted in three key ways:

- **DISRUPTION AND DELAYS:** We are taking every possible measure to deliver our services as efficiently as we can. However, your assessment and care may be disrupted, delayed or performed differently during the pandemic due to its impact on health services. If your treatment plan is changed, you will always be informed of this and able to discuss any concerns with your clinician.
- **RISK OF CONTRACTING COVID-19:** In addition to the normal risks and benefits of any treatment it is important that you are made aware of specific risks during the Coronavirus pandemic, including contracting COVID-19 during your healthcare treatment. This information is being provided to allow you time to consider and discuss issues with your admitting consultant and HCA, as necessary, before you attend hospital and go ahead with your procedure. HCA Healthcare have put in place measures to protect all our patients from the risk of COVID-19, to the best of our ability, before, during and after operation. However please note:
 - Coming into hospital will require you to come into contact with staff who could unknowingly be carrying Coronavirus.
 - Equally, you could be infected and not yet be showing symptoms. It is important you understand that you may already be carrying Coronavirus when you come in for your operation. You can reduce your risk by following household isolation guidance.
 - If you have coronavirus or contract this during your treatment, or whilst in hospital, this could make your recovery more difficult, or increase your risk of serious illness, or death. Although we are still gathering evidence about this, there are reports stating that if you have an operation with Coronavirus in your system (even without symptoms) there is a significant risk that you could become ill enough with Covid-19 to need a ventilator on an intensive care unit.
 - As such, we ask you to take our requests seriously, and to commit to following the measures we have put in place in order to protect you, and other patients, from contracting COVID-19.
- **IMPACT OF YOUR DECISIONS:** Your Consultant will assess the risks and benefits of undertaking your operation at the current time and discuss these with you. We will only ask you to come in for your operation if your consultant believes it is the right thing to do. In light of the information above, if you decide to delay treatment, your consultant will discuss any risks of deferring treatment and/or alternative care options until the pandemic has passed.

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Our commitment:

HCA Healthcare will do everything we can to perform your operation, keep you safe, and to provide you with the information you require at all stages of your treatment with us.

Your commitment:

I will do everything I can to follow the instructions given to me by HCA Healthcare and my admitting consultant before and after my operation, which have been put in place to protect my health and that of other patients.

These are examples of the ways in which your surgical care may be different to normal:

Before your operation

- Your consultations may occur by telephone or by email and letter.
- If you need any pre-admission investigations, we will arrange and confirm this with you.
- Your pre-admission assessment may be by telephone with a nurse.
- You must follow strict social-distancing and hand-hygiene measures before your admission as instructed by your surgical team
- We will arrange for you to have coronavirus testing before your operation. If your operation is an emergency procedure this test will take place at the time of your admission.
- You will need to **self-isolate** from the day of this test until your admission to hospital
- Your operation would be likely to be postponed if you test positive or are unwell.
- We may also ask you to go into strict self-isolation before a procedure depending on the type of surgery (unless it is an emergency). You will be given clear information about any isolation requirements by your consultant or pre-admission team. It is very important that you observe our advice: if you have been unable to comply there is a risk that your procedure may be postponed.
- We will be in touch with you prior to your surgery/procedure as required to ensure you are able to follow our guidance and that you remain well.
- You will be asked to not take public transport to get to the hospital.

Your operation

- Circumstances will be different in the hospital. Wards may be reorganised, and staff will be wearing protective equipment.
- We will be screening all patients for any symptoms of COVID-19 and taking your temperature on arrival to the hospital. If you screen positively, we will isolate you and discuss this with your consultant for a decision about your admission.
- It is likely your procedure may be postponed if you have any symptoms of COVID-19.
- You may not meet your surgeons or anaesthetist until the day of treatment.
- It is likely you will not be able to have your family and friends attend with you or visit whilst in hospital. You can find our latest visiting policy on our website.

After your operation

- You will be discharged from hospital when you are ready and asked by your surgical team for you to continue to self-isolate to make sure your recovery is not impacted.
- We will check on you by telephone.

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Name and Signature of responsible healthcare professional

HCA Healthcare will do everything we can to keep you safe from impact of COVID-19 and to provide you with the information you require at all stages of your treatment with us.

Signed: Date

Name (PRINT) Job title

Statement of interpreter (where appropriate)

I have interpreted the information above to the patient to the best of my ability and in a way in which I believe he/she can understand.

Signed Date.....

Name (PRINT)

Statement of patient/parent

I acknowledge the information above, which I have read together with my surgical consent form. I have followed the instructions of my surgical team before, and will continue to do so after, my operation which have been put in place to protect my health and that of other patients.

If not an emergency admission:

- I have followed strict social-distancing and hand-hygiene measures before my admission as instructed by my surgical team.
- If required to, I confirm I have self-isolated as instructed by my surgical team. This was for days* [*please enter number of days].

Signature Date

Name (PRINT) Relationship to patient

Complete if patient/parent has signed the form in advance

Confirmation of consent (to be completed by a health professional when the patient is admitted for the procedure, if the patient/parent has signed the form in advance)

I have confirmed that the patient has no further questions and wishes the procedure to go ahead.

Signed: Date

Name (PRINT) Job title

