

ABOUT YOUR ANAESTHETIC

This SIGNED form needs to be returned as soon as possible to the Anaesthetist's office (MBM)

Contact details for my office at MBM are provided below

As I will be your Anaesthetist for your surgery I would like to provide you with important information prior to your procedure.

(a) What are the risks associated with anaesthesia?

(b) How long should I fast before my operation?

(c) Should I take my regular medication?

(d) What is my anaesthetic likely to cost?

(e) What is the quality assurance for my anaesthetic?

(a) Risks associated with anaesthesia

Modern anaesthesia is generally very safe – in fact there is more risk of harm driving a motor vehicle. However, risks do exist, and although usually temporary some may cause long-term problems. Most serious consequences of surgery and anaesthesia generally occur in those who are already seriously ill.

Common but usually mild side-effects

- Bruising at needle site
- Sore / dry throat and lips
- Nausea, vomiting, headache
- Discomfort locally at injection sites
- Blood from nose after dental anaesthesia

Less common but manageable side-effects

- Muscle aches / pains
- Severe nausea and vomiting
- Severe headache
- Mild allergic reactions (itching and/or skin rash)

Uncommon but serious short term complications

- Damage to teeth, throat or vocal cords
- Nerve damage / pressure areas
- Deep vein thrombosis

Rare but serious complications

- Awareness under General Anaesthesia
- Severe allergy, shock, Malignant Hyperthermia
- Stroke, heart attack
- Paralysis
- Pulmonary oedema
- Any of the above can lead to permanently impaired function, coma or death

Please Note: The above list does not, of course, cover every possible complication of anaesthesia, but includes most known problems. Please ask your anaesthetist if there is a greater risk of any specific problems you may have with your planned procedure.

