

HOSPITAL  
FOR  
SPECIAL  
SURGERY



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MRN: \_\_\_\_\_

**PATIENT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (M.I.)

Sex: M F

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

SS #: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ H—W—C

Referring MD: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ H—W—C

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PATIENT EMPLOYMENT**

[None]

Employed - Retired - Unemployed - Other

Contacts: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**GUARANTOR/SUBSCRIBER**

[ ] Same as Patient

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

SS #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**PRIMARY INSURANCE**

Relationship: Self [ ] Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDARY INSURANCE**

Relationship: Self [ ] Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ASSIGNMENT AND RELEASE OF BENEFITS**

I certify that the information given by me is correct. I understand that this information is entered into a database, and I authorize the sharing of information with affiliated physicians who are responsible for my care. I hereby also authorize the release of information related to my medical condition, as requested by government agencies and/or insurance carriers. I hereby assign my insurance benefits to the Physician and understand that, in the absence of accepted insurance coverage, my legal guardian or I, am responsible for full payment of services rendered.

**MEDICARE PATIENTS**

I certify that the information given by me in applying for payment under Title XVII of the Social Security Act, is correct and I understand that I am responsible for insurance deductibles on all services, and 20% coinsurance on ancillary services. When Medicare is deemed the secondary insurance, I will follow payment terms specified by the individual Physician's policies.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

These statements shall be effective from the date of the signature below until my insurance changes, at which time I understand that I am obligated to notify the Physician.

**Signature of Patient or Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Patient:** \_\_\_\_\_



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**FINANCIAL POLICY**

We are committed to providing you with the best possible medical care; if you have special needs, we are here to work with you. The following information is provided to avoid any misunderstanding or disagreement concerning payment for professional services.

- Our office participates with a variety of insurance plans. It is your responsibility to:
  - ▶ Bring your insurance card(s) at every visit.
  - ▶ Be prepared to pay your copay at each visit.
  - ▶ **Make payment in full at the time of visit** for medical care not covered by your insurance.
- \* Payment can be made by Cash, Check, or Credit Card
- If you have insurance that we do not participate with, our office is happy to file the claim upon request, however, payment in full is expected at the time of service.
- Referrals: It is your responsibility to obtain and bring any required referrals for treatment, at or prior to the visit. If you do not have the referral, you may be financially responsible.
- Other documentation: It is your responsibility to provide our office with certain documentation. Failure to do so may cause you to be financially responsible.
- Your insurance carrier writes and administers your policy. We are happy to answer any insurance questions you have, but specific coverage issues and plan requirement questions should be directed to your insurance carrier.

Our practice firmly believes that a good physician/patient relationship is based upon understanding and good communication. Questions about financial arrangements should be directed to this office.

Please sign acknowledging that you have read and agree to the terms of this Financial Policy.

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guarantor: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Parent/Guarantor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For the office of Andrew D. Pearle, MD  
Orthopedics Surgery and Sports Medicine**



Medical Record Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT**

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have been provided a copy of my physician Notice of Privacy Practices and have therefore been advised of how health information about me may be used and disclosed by this practice, and how I may obtain access to and control this information. I also acknowledge and understand that I may request copies of separate notices explaining special privacy protections that apply to HIV/AIDS-related information, alcohol and substance abuse treatment information, mental health information, and genetic information. Finally, by signing below, I consent to the use and disclosure of my health information to treat me and arrange for my medical care, to seek and receive payment for services given to me, and for the business operations of this practice, its physicians, and staff.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Patient or Patient's Personal Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
DOB:  
Print name of Patient or Patient's Personal Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Personal Representative's Authority

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If you have any questions about this notice or would like further information, please contact the office manager.

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:** If the patient does not sign this acknowledgement and consent form, record here the good faith efforts made to obtain this acknowledgement and consent.

**Financial Interest Disclosure Form**  
**Medical Staff, Allied Health Professional Staff,**  
**Residents, and Fellows**

As your treating physician and as a member of the Medical Staff of Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS), I would like you to know that I have financial relationships with the following orthopedics device companies, whose products I may use, or prescribe, for you in your care at HSS. The following will provide you with information about my financial relationships with these companies:

I am on the Scientific Advisory Board of Blue Belt Technologies and receive compensation for my time.

I am a consultant for Biomet and Stryker-MAKO for which I receive compensation for my time.

I do not receive any payments from this company for use of its products for your care at HSS or for the care of any other patients at HSS.

You should feel free to ask me any questions you may have about these financial interests. If you are not comfortable discussing this with me, you may contact David Altchek, MD, Co-Chief of Service, (212-606-1909), the Hospital's Office of Corporate Compliance (212-774-2398), or the Hospital's Office of Legal Affairs (212-606-1592), with your questions or concerns or if you want any information about the Hospital's conflict of interest policies before deciding whether to continue with treatment.

If, because of the financial interest or relationship I have disclosed to you, you choose to refuse a particular treatment, or would like to revoke any informed consent you have previously given for a particular operation or procedure, you must sign the Hospital's "Refusal to Consent to Treatment" form. In either case, you can continue with other treatments at the Hospital without any penalty or loss of any benefit to which you may otherwise be entitled.

By signing below, you acknowledge that I have discussed the financial interest or relationship described above. You also confirm that you have read and fully understand this document, and that you have been given the opportunity to ask questions about my financial interest or relationship and your questions have been answered to your satisfaction.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Patient/Parent/Guardian/Health Care Agent Date

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Patient/Parent/Guardian/Health Care Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Patient

**PLACE THE ORIGINAL SIGNED FORM IN THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL RECORD**

# **Andrew D. Pearle, MD**

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## **Cancellation Policy for Surgery**

In an effort to serve our patients better we have instituted a cancellation policy for scheduled surgery dates.

Scheduling surgery is a time consuming and complicated process, and the office understands that it is very disruptive to patient's normal lives. Likewise, when surgery is indicated, the office invests a considerable amount of time and effort beforehand, to ensure that the day of surgery goes as smoothly as possible. Ahead of your surgery, the office commits many hours of work to ensure that all aspects of your care are prepared for- including, but not limited to: pre-certification and follow up with your insurance plan, coordination of your care with related caregivers (including other physicians when indicated, allied health professionals, and anesthesiologists), and post-operative care in the form of rehabilitation preparation.

From time to time, extenuating circumstances cause a surgery to be canceled. However, in situations when the patient electively cancels a procedure within 14 business days of the scheduled surgery, a non-refundable cancellation fee of \$500 will be charged to the patient.

If your surgery is cancelled for a medical reason this charge does not apply. Please keep this in mind when scheduling your surgery date.

I \_\_\_\_\_, have received and reviewed the surgery cancellation policy of Dr. Andrew D. Pearle. I hereby accept and agree to adhere to the above policy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Signature or Parent/Guardian (if patient is a minor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Please provide us with your pharmacy information so that we may comply with New York State regulated use of ePrescribe. Thank you.

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pharmacy Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pharmacy Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

For the Office of **Andrew D. Pearle, MD**  
 Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine



Name:	DOB:	Date:
Height:	Weight:	Age:

What is your dominant hand?  Right  Left  Ambidextrous

**Chief Complaint**

What is the reason for your visit? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

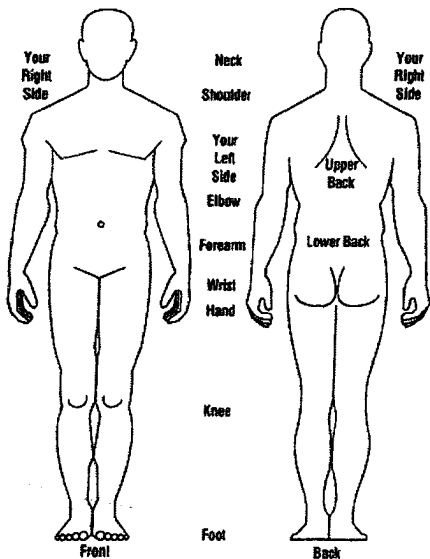
Please describe your symptoms:

Swelling	Stiffness	Locking	Instability
Giving Away	Numbness	Weakness	Tingling
Catching	Clicking	Other:	

Current Pain Level (no pain 0 – 10 highest):

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Please mark on the body diagram where you are experiencing pain:



When did this condition start? \_\_\_\_\_

Onset:  Gradual  Sudden

Pain Frequency:  Constant  Intermittent  Rarely

Quality:  Sharp  Dull  Burning  
 Tingling  Throbbing  Other

Night Pain:  Yes  No

Swelling:  Yes  No

Feels unstable/gives way:  Yes  No

Range of Motion:  Normal  Decreased

Everyday Activities:  No Restrictions  Limited  Unable

Recreational Activities:  No Restrictions  Limited  Unable

Does anything make the pain better? \_\_\_\_\_

Does anything make the pain worse? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you participate in any sports? \_\_\_\_\_

Level of play:  Professional  College  High School  Recreational

Have you had or



Have you had or tried any of the following (please select and describe)?

Type	Date Range	Location/Results	Effective?
<input type="checkbox"/> Acupuncture Treatment			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Anti-Inflammatory Medications			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Chiropractic Treatment			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Injections			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Therapy			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Massage Therapy/Deep Tissue			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> MRI			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> CT			
<input type="checkbox"/> X-Ray			

Referring Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Screening Questions (Coordination of Care)**

Are you currently on any blood thinners?  Yes  No

Have you ever had a MRSA Infection?  Yes  No

Have you had Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)?  Yes  No

Have you had a Pulmonary Embolism (PE)?  Yes  No

Have you ever had any problems with anesthesia?  Yes  No  Problem: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever had complications from prior surgery?  Yes  No  Problem: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had surgery for this same condition before?  Yes  No

Do you have any of the following medical devices? (Mark all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pain Pump	<input type="checkbox"/> Neurostimulator	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacemaker and/or Defibrillator	<input type="checkbox"/> Shunt for hydrocephalus
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Do you have diabetes?  Yes  No

If yes, do you have an insulin pump?  Yes  No

Have you been taking opioids for 6 months or more (e.g. codeine, percocet, morphine, Vicodin, etc.)?  Yes  No

**For Females Only: Gynecological History**

Do you think you may be pregnant at this time?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Date:
Do you use birth control?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Type:
Have you experienced menopause?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	When:
Have you had a hysterectomy?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	When:
Last pap smear:	Date:	
Last mammogram:	Date:	
Age you began your first period:		
When was your most recent menstrual period?	Date:	
How many periods have you had during the last 12 months?		
Number of pregnancies:		

Please list any allergies below (including medications, foods, and environment):

Allergy	Reaction
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

Medication	Route (oral, injection, etc.)	Dose	Frequency
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			

**Medical and Family History**

Please select any past medical conditions and list any family members (mother, father, etc.) below:

Condition	Yourself?	Family Member?	Condition	Yourself?	Family Member?
<input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Open Wounds/Ulcers	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrhythmia (Irregular heartbeat)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Osteoarthritis	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Osteoporosis	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding Problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Peripheral Vascular Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood Clots (DVT)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Pneumonia	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric Illness (Depression)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Pulmonary Embolus	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Heart Attack	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflux	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> High Blood Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatoid Arthritis	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> High Cholesterol	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Seizures	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Infection	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Stroke	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Kidney Disorders	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Ulcers	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Lung Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

Please list the family member (father, mother, etc.) to any of the positive responses you listed above:

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**Surgical and Hospitalization History**

Previous Operation/Hospitalization	Occurrence Date (approx.)
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

**Social History**

Are you a tobacco user?  Yes  No

Do you consume alcohol?  Yes  No

If yes, how many drinks per week? \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Immunizations and Falls Screening:**

Have you received the pneumonia vaccine?  Yes  No

If yes, date? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_

In the past year, did you received the Influenza (flu) vaccine between October 1st and  Yes  No

March 31st? If yes, date? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you fallen 2 or more times within the past year, or fallen with injury in the past year?  Yes  No

If yes, do you have vision problems that may have contributed to your fall?  Yes  No

### Review of Systems

Are you currently having, or have you had problems in the past year with (select all that apply):

Constitutional	ENT	Eyes	Respiratory
<input type="checkbox"/> Activity Change	<input type="checkbox"/> Congestion	<input type="checkbox"/> Dryness	<input type="checkbox"/> Chest tightness
<input type="checkbox"/> Appetite Change	<input type="checkbox"/> Ear pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Discharge	<input type="checkbox"/> Choking
<input type="checkbox"/> Chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Nosebleeds	<input type="checkbox"/> Itching	<input type="checkbox"/> Cough
<input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue	<input type="checkbox"/> Sinus pressure	<input type="checkbox"/> Pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath
<input type="checkbox"/> Fever	<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat	<input type="checkbox"/> Redness	<input type="checkbox"/> Wheezing
<input type="checkbox"/> Weight Change			
<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> None

Cardiovascular	Gastrointestinal	Endocrine	Genitourinary
<input type="checkbox"/> Chest pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Abdominal pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Cold intolerance	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficult urination
<input type="checkbox"/> Leg swelling	<input type="checkbox"/> Blood in stool	<input type="checkbox"/> Heat intolerance	<input type="checkbox"/> Flank pain
<input type="checkbox"/> Palpitations	<input type="checkbox"/> Constipation	<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive thirst	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequent urination
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor circulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Heartburn	<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive hunger	<input type="checkbox"/> Painful urination
	<input type="checkbox"/> Nausea		
<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> None

Musculoskeletal	Skin	Environmental Allergies	Neurological
<input type="checkbox"/> Joint pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Color change	<input type="checkbox"/> Pollen	<input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness
<input type="checkbox"/> Joint stiffness	<input type="checkbox"/> Hair loss	<input type="checkbox"/> Dust Mites	<input type="checkbox"/> Headaches
<input type="checkbox"/> Joint swelling	<input type="checkbox"/> Rash	<input type="checkbox"/> Pets/Animals	<input type="checkbox"/> Light-headedness
<input type="checkbox"/> Joint warmth/heat	<input type="checkbox"/> Skin tightening	<input type="checkbox"/> Mold/Mildew	<input type="checkbox"/> Memory loss
<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Wound		<input type="checkbox"/> Numbness
			<input type="checkbox"/> Weakness
<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> None

Hematologic	Psychiatric	Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Enlarged lymph nodes	<input type="checkbox"/> Agitation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bruises	<input type="checkbox"/> Hyperactive	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clotting problem	<input type="checkbox"/> Nervous/anxious	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive bleeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Depression	
<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> None	

## STOP-BANG Sleep Apnea Questionnaire

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

 Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  Male  Female

### PATIENT RESPONSES

STOP	YES	NO
Do you <b>SNORE</b> loudly (louder than talking or loud enough to be heard through closed door)?		
Do you often feel <b>TIRED</b> , fatigued, or sleepy in the daytime?		
Has anyone <b>OBSERVED</b> you stop breathing during your sleep?		
Do you have-or are you being treated for high blood <b>PRESSURE</b> ?		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

### DOCTOR'S OFFICE USE ONLY

BANG	YES	NO
<b>BMI</b> higher than 35kg/m <sup>2</sup> ?		
<b>AGE</b> over 50 years old?		
<b>NECK</b> circumference greater than 16 inches (40cm)?		
<b>GENDER: MALE</b> ?		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

**sk of OSA:**
**High Risk:** 5 - 8 "Yes"

 **Intermediate:** 3 - 4 "Yes"

 **Low Risk:** 0 - 2 "Yes"



# GENERAL CONSENT/ PERMISSION FOR TREATMENT FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

I authorize and consent to performance upon \_\_\_\_\_  
(Insert "me" or Name of Patient)

by Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) and its staff of such physical examinations, diagnostic imaging procedures (such as x-rays, CT scans, and/or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)), laboratory tests, and other non-invasive diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and/or treatments, as my/the patient's physician or others on HSS's medical staff consider to be necessary or appropriate for the purpose of diagnostic and/or treatment of my/the patient's condition.

I understand that for each procedure/treatment the following will be explained to and discussed with me/the patient: the nature, intended purpose, anticipated benefits, material risks, and possible complications of such procedure/treatment; the alternative procedures/treatments if such procedure/treatment is not performed; and the probable consequences if such procedure/treatment or alternative procedures/treatments are not performed.

I give this consent with full knowledge and understanding that medicine is not an exact science, that there is the possibility that the procedure/treatment may not have the benefits or results intended, and that there are always risks and dangers to life and health associated generally with medical procedures and treatments that can cause adverse consequences not ordinarily anticipated in advance.

I consent to the diagnostic study by HSS of any blood, urine or other bodily fluids, stool specimens, or tissues that are obtained in the performance of such procedures/treatments, and to the disposal of such fluids/specimens/tissues by HSS in accordance with its customary practice. I further grant permission for HSS to use such fluids/specimens/tissues for medical, scientific and/or educational purposes.

I consent to the photographing, videotaping, televising, or other observation of the procedures/treatments as HSS or its surgeon(s)/physician(s) may deem useful or appropriate for scientific and/or educational purposes, with the understanding that my/patient's identity will remain confidential.

I consent to the presence during the procedures/treatments of a visitor or visitors, which may include any visiting physician(s) and/or vendor representative(s) whose presence has been requested by the above named surgeon(s)/physician(s). I understand that the visitor(s) will at all times be under the supervision and direction of the above named surgeon(s)/physician(s) and other HSS personnel, and subject to all relevant HSS policies and procedures.

I understand that information about me/the patient will be disclosed as required by applicable law, including reporting mandated by the federal, state and local governments to oversight agencies such as Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the New York State Department of Health, and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Examples of such mandated reporting include reporting of suspected or confirmed communicable diseases, child abuse, firearm wounds, and certain knife wounds and burns.

***For patients age 19 and older only:*** I consent to the submission of information about my/the patient's immunizations to the New York Statewide Immunization Information System (NYSIIS), the New York City Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR), and any other federal, state or local immunization registry. I

understand the purpose of these immunization registries is to assist in my/the patient's medical care and to record the immunizations that I/the patient have had or will receive in the future. My/the patient's immunization information may potentially be used by receiving agency for quality improvement purposes, epidemiologic research, and disease control purposes. Information used for quality improvement or any research purposes will have my/the patient's personal identifying information removed. The immunization information in the registry may be released to the following: me/the patient, my/the patient's health insurer, state and local health departments, the school that I/the patient am registered to attend, and authorized medical providers that deliver medical care to me/the patient. I understand that there will be no effect on my/the patient's treatment, payment, or enrollment for benefits if I choose not to participate in these registries. My consent may be withdrawn at any time by sending written notice to HSS to Attn.: Privacy Officer. Information about immunizations received by these registries with my consent will remain in these registries if I later choose to withdraw my consent. However, future immunizations will not be recorded in these registries.

I understand that HSS does not provide all of the medical services that I/the patient could ever possibly require, and that in the event I/the patient need treatment not provided by HSS during my/the patient's hospitalization at HSS, it may become necessary to transfer me/the patient to another hospital that provides the medical services required by me/the patient (including, for patients at HSS's main campus, New York-Presbyterian Hospital). I hereby consent to the transfer to such other hospital of me/the patient for such treatment when HSS determines that transfer is medically necessary or advisable.

I understand that HSS will electronically transmit prescriptions to my pharmacy (ePrescribing) as required by New York law. I also understand that in connection with ePrescribing, HSS and members of its Medical Staff will obtain medication history (information about the medications I/the patient are currently taking or have taken within the past year) for purposes of coordinating my/the patient's treatment. I hereby consent to ePrescribing by HSS and members of its Medical Staff, including obtaining my medication history and making it part of the HSS medical record.

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## **FINANCIAL AGREEMENT**

### **Assignment of Benefits**

I assign, transfer and set over to HSS and members of its Medical Staff sufficient monies and/or benefits to which I may be entitled from government agencies, insurance carriers, and others who are financially liable for hospitalization and medical care of me/the above-named patient by HSS and its Medical Staff.

If I am entitled to Medicare benefits, I certify that the information given by me in applying for payment under Title XVII of the Social Security Act is correct. I understand that I am responsible for insurance deductibles on all services; 20% co-insurance on all ancillary services. I also understand that when Medicare is deemed that secondary insurance responsible for payment of my medical care, I will be financially classified under HSS's policies and will follow payment terms under said policies.

### **Authorization for Release of Information**

I authorize and direct HSS and those members of its Medical Staff who have treated me/the above-named patient to release to government agencies, insurance carriers, and others who are financially liable for hospitalization and medical care of me/the above-named patient, all information needed to substantiate and obtain payment for such hospitalization and medical care, and to permit representatives thereof to examine and make copies of all records relating to such care and treatment.

**Guarantee of Hospital Charges**

I agree to be responsible for payment in full of the charges for all hospital services and other medical care rendered to me/the above-named patient for this period of care. I understand that even if I have/the patient has domestic or international health insurance coverage accepted by HSS, I will be responsible for payment in full of unpaid balances after insurance company payment to HSS, to the full extent permitted under federal, state and local laws. I understand that my responsibility also includes payment for charges not ordinarily covered by health insurance, such as private room charges.

**Personal Property; Release of Liability**

I understand that (i) I am solely responsible for any and all costs of items of personal property that I choose to keep with me and/or use while at HSS; (ii) HSS strongly recommends that I either send home or check with HSS Security Department all personal property of value to me, including but not limited to money, checks, jewelry, credit cards, and clothing; and (iii) any items of personal property that I leave behind after my discharge from HSS will not be HSS's responsibility; if HSS finds any items, they will be sent to the HSS Security Department (212-606-1207). I hereby release HSS and its medical staff members, employees and agents from any and all liability and claims arising from my keeping personal property with me while I am at HSS.

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**For Inpatients Only**

**Caregiver Designation**

The New York State Caregiver Advise, Record and Enable Act, or CARE Act, provides that all inpatients who are 18 years old or older must be given the opportunity to designate a family member, friend, or other person to serve as a caregiver. The role of the designated caregiver is to assist with after-care tasks when the patient is discharged to the patient's home. Most often this will include information about the medications you will be taking at home, how you might need help in moving, with exercises or with managing pain, and information about your surgical site and appointments after discharge. The CARE Act requires that hospitals notify the designated caregiver of the expected discharge or transfer of the patient, and instruct the designated caregiver regarding after-care tasks that are part of the patient's discharge plan. A patient may change his/her designated caregiver(s) at any time.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not consent to the release of my medical information by HSS and its staff to my  
(Initial) designated caregiver(s).

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I confirm that I have read and fully understand this General Consent/Permission for Treatment & Financial Agreement, that I have been given the opportunity to ask questions and have had my questions answered satisfactorily, and that I am eligible to give this consent and agreement. I further confirm that I understand that I have the right to revoke this consent, or any part of it, at any time during my/the patient's treatment by HSS.

**Signature of Patient/Parent/Guardian/** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Health Care Agent/Other Surrogate**  
**Relationship to Patient** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness Certification:** I certify that I have witnessed the person whose signature appears above signing this General Consent/Permission for Treatment & Financial Agreement.

**Signature of Witness** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time** \_\_\_\_\_