

MIDLANDS

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SURGICAL RISKS OF HIP REPLACEMENTS

Patient Name: _____ **Acct #:** _____

Below we have outlined a list of risks that are commonly associated with hip replacement surgery. We ask that you review it carefully and sign on the bottom to acknowledge that you understand each point. If you have any questions about these or other risks, please feel free to call Dr. Gross, or his nurse, Lee Webb, at 803-256-4107.

This list is not a complete or exhaustive list, but rather an attempt to inform you of the *most common* problems that arise with this type of surgery.

If you have a significant medical condition such as heart disease, diabetes, circulatory or respiratory problems, etc...or are having revision surgery, all of these risks may significantly increase. You should consult your medical doctor or cardiologist about your medical condition and your medical risks before any major surgery.

Risks of hip replacement surgery include, but are not limited to:

- Heart attack
- Stroke
- Death
- Blood clots (despite the use of preventive blood thinners) (10%)
- Pulmonary embolus (blood clot traveling to lungs) (1%)
- Failure of bone ingrowth of the implants (1%)
- Infection (less than _%)
- Dislocation (less than 1%)
- Minor fracture (5%)
- Serious fracture (1%)
- Nerve injury (less than _%)
- Well-functioning implant with thigh pain (5%)

Unexpected reactions to anesthesia include, but are not limited to:

- Allergy to a drug or drugs used
- Nerve injury
- Death

The overall success rate of hip replacement surgeries is greater than 95%, with patients indicating decreased pain and better function after surgery. For revision surgeries, the overall success rate is 80%.

Patient signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Witness name & signature: _____ **Date:** _____