

**COVID-19 RISK INFORMED
CONSENT**

I _____ understand that I am opting for an elective consultation/treatment/procedure/surgery that may not be considered urgent or emergent and may not be medically necessary.

I also understand that the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. I further understand that COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread by person-to-person contact; and, as a result, federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing. I recognize that Dr. Sarah Neitzel and all the staff at Peninsula Podiatry and its affiliates are closely monitoring this situation and have put in place reasonable preventative measures aimed to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, given the nature of the virus, I understand there is an inherent risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 by virtue of proceeding with this elective consultation/treatment/procedure/surgery. I hereby acknowledge and assume the risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 through this elective consultation/ treatment/ procedure/surgery, and I give my express permission for Dr. Sarah Neitzel and all the staff at Peninsula Podiatry and its affiliates to proceed with the same.

I understand that, even if I have been tested for COVID and received a negative test result, the tests in some cases may fail to detect the virus or I may have contracted COVID after the test. I understand that, if I have a COVID-19 infection, and even if I do not have any symptoms for the same, proceeding with this elective consultation/treatment/procedure/surgery can lead to a higher chance of complication and death.

I understand that possible exposure to COVID-19 before/during/after my elective consultation/ treatment/procedure/surgery may result in the following: a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, extended quarantine/self-isolation, additional tests, hospitalization that may require medical therapy, Intensive Care treatment, possible need for intubation/ventilator support, short-term or long-term intubation, other potential complications, and the risk of death. In addition, after my elective consultation/treatment/procedure/surgery, I may need additional care that may require me to go to an emergency room or a hospital.

I understand that COVID-19 may cause additional risks, some or many of which may not currently be known at this time, in addition to the risks described herein, as well as those risks for the consultation/treatment/procedure/surgery itself.

I have been given the option to defer my consultation/treatment/procedure/surgery to a later date. However, I understand all the potential risks, including but not limited to the potential short-term and long-term complications related to COVID-19, and I would like to proceed with my desired elective consultation/treatment/procedure/surgery.

I UNDERSTAND THE EXPLANATION AND HAVE NO MORE QUESTIONS AND CONSENT TO THE PROCEDURE.

Patient or Person Authorized to Sign for Patient Date/Time _____

I have been offered a copy of this consent form (patient initials)_____