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Though our office and its doctors strive with the utmost in current knowledge and modern technology to improve, stabilize, or reverse the adverse effects of your condition or injury, it is impossible to guarantee complete satisfaction and return to normalcy in some instances. The realistic possibility of continuing symptoms, residual effects and consequences exist. These include but are not limited to residual stiffness, numbness, pain, infection, scarring, and the possibility of requiring additional treatments and/or surgery.

CONSENT AND INFORMATION FOR LOCAL INJECTION

With your consent your doctor may recommend an injection for your condition. These injections usually include medications and sometimes cortisone. The purpose of this injection is to eliminate or improve your pain and decrease inflammation of irritated tissue in that region. Your doctor will administer this injection as painlessly as possible. The aftereffects of such injections is usually quite beneficial for your condition. There are however some potential side effects of which you should be aware. There can be a certain degree of pain which is usually temporary. In rare cases, redness or local infection can occur as well as transient allergic reaction. Some change in skin color can sometimes occur at the site of multiple injections. These rare side effects are usually seen in patients with a variety of other mitigating medical or personal factors.

WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR NONSTEROIDAL AND OTHER MEDICATION USE

Your doctor may give you a variety of different medicines, either samples and/or prescriptions. These medicines should be used as directed. The nonsteroidal medicines (arthritis medicines) have the potential side effects of stomach upset, sometimes headaches or dizziness, and/or increased bleeding tendencies. You should immediately stop taking any prescribed medicine if you encounter any side effects. The medication should be taken infrequently as indicated by the pain. It should be taken for not more than ten days consecutively (unless otherwise instructed). If you feel the medication to be helpful and continue to take it regularly, please make your primary care doctor aware of the medicine you are taking.

In those cases where prosthetics or implanted devices are required it is known that in a low number of cases these devices can fail, dislocate, loosen, or cause localized reactions over time which may require treatment or surgery. It is also known that individual personal factors regarding each patient can have an adverse effect on ultimate outcomes. These factors include but are not limited to other medical conditions (or comorbidities), age, weight, alcohol, tobacco, or drug use, genetic composition, cooperation, personal hygiene, hypersensitivity, sympathetic dystrophy, skin color changes, and unpredictable reactions to medication or treatments.

Other risks and sequelae of orthopedic conditions as well as treatment include possible nerve and/or vessel injury (ies); nonunion of fractures (bones do not always heal); or malunion of fracture (healing in a different position); limb length inequality, stiffness, loss of motion, pain or persistence of symptoms, arthritis, limp, swelling, dislocation. A variety of different treatment modalities and testing procedures may be recommended on an individual basis.

I understand these realistic considerations and consent to my treatment by the doctors and staff of Orthopedic & Sports Associates of Long Island.

Signature

Date

Print Name