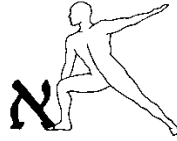


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CONSENT FOR ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY

Information: Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT), previously known as shock therapy is a method for treating certain mental or emotional conditions by stimulating the brain electrically in order to produce a cerebral seizure. The procedure is carried out by doctors and nurses while the patient is fully asleep under general anesthesia administered by an anesthesiologist in the hospital.

Description of the procedure: While the patient is lying on a stretcher, a needle/catheter is placed in the vein and anesthetic medication is injected. After the patient is asleep, and muscle relaxing medication is then given through the same catheter and the patient is given pure oxygen from a mask. When the patient's muscles are relaxed, an electrical stimulus is briefly applied to the scalp in order to stimulate the brain into a period of intense, rhythmical electrical activity. This seizure last one or two minutes and is accompanied by mild contractions of the muscles. When the seizures over, the patient is taken to recovery area and is observed by train staff until he/she awakens and is stable per anesthesia, usually in about 20 minutes. ECT is usually given 2-3 times a week for about 6 to 12 treatments, although some patients may require more than 12 treatments to reach maximum improvement.

Risks of the treatment: ECT is among the safest of medical treatments given under general anesthesia. The risk of death or serious injury with ECT is about one in 50,000 treatments, much smaller than reported for childbirth. The extremely rare death that does occur are usually due to cardiovascular complications.

Side effects and complications: Patients may be confused just after they awaken from ECT; this confusion generate clears up within an hour or so. Memory for recent events may be disturbed, and dates, names of friends, public events, addresses, telephone numbers and passwords be forgotten. In most patients, this memory difficulty goes away within a few days or weeks although very few may continue to experience memory problems for months or years afterward. Certain treatment techniques prevent or minimize the occurrence of such memory problems (for example, brief pulse and/or unilateral ECT) and your doctor will discuss these options with you. No long-term effects of ECT on intellectual ability (IQ) or memory capacity have been found.

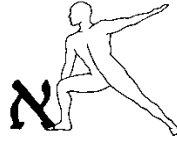
Results of treatment: although many patients experience significant improvement after a course of ECT, no specific treatment results can be promised. As is true with all medical treatments, some patients will recover quickly, some slowly and a few might not recover it all. Even when recovery is complete, relapse is still possible. Medication therapy, maintenance ECT or a combination is often prescribed after a successful course of ECT in order to prevent such relapses.

Availability of alternative treatments: Medications and other therapies may be available to treat your particular condition, and it is possible that some of them might work as well or better than ECT. The advantages and disadvantages of alternative treatments will be discussed with you by your doctor

Right to withdraw consent: Even though a patient voluntarily signed an agreement to receive ECT, he/she may withdraw their consent at any time, even before the first treatment is given. Withdrawal of

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consent for ECT does not in any way prejudice the patient’s continued treatment with the best alternative methods available. Patients can resume ECT in the future and may need to be re-evaluated prior to restarting ECT.

Risk of not having electroconvulsive therapy is recommended: It is possible that ECT may be more effective for your condition than other available treatments, and that you choose not to accept your doctor’s recommendation to have ECT, you might experience a longer, more severe period of illness and disability. Medications and other therapies have their own risks and complications and may not be safer than ECT.

I, _____, have read the above description of the ECT treatment and had the opportunity to view the consent video explaining the treatment that has been recommended to me. It has also been explained to me by _____, who has answered any questions I had. I agreed to have the treatments and understand that Dr. Goeta-Kreisler, Dr. Reardon or Dr. Wiegand will be administering the treatments.

Patient signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness signature: _____ Date: _____