

## **Informed Consent Electrodiagnostic Testing (NCV and EMG):**

The test you are going to have is called an **ELECTRODIAGNOSTIC STUDY**, often referred to as an EMG. It is a safe in office procedure to determine if there is any objective evidence to confirm a nerve injury, a muscle disease or some combination of both. The test is a very accurate. It will allow your doctor to direct your treatment based upon the results. In our laboratory; the study is performed by a physician board certified in electrodiagnostics by the ABEM.

There is no preparation required. There are no side affects to worry about after the test and you will be fine to drive yourself. The test takes anywhere from one half hour to an hour depending on what is being tested. It has two parts. In part one, you will feel a small electrical shock, like the zap you get when touching a doorknob. It does not hurt but startles you. You may experience some minor pain or skin irritation at the site of the electrical shocks. In part two a small recording pin is used to record muscle activity. Because of the computerization, the pin is so small it does not hurt and only rarely draws blood. **The details of the procedure have been explained to me in terms I understand.**

I understand and accept the most likely risks and complications of an EMG, which include but are not limited to: · Pneumothorax/Collapsed Lung, · Infection, · Needle Breakage, · Numbness, · Trauma to Nerves · Vasovagal Reaction (fainting), · Soft Tissue Swelling, Bruising or Hematoma Formation or muscle spasm.

It takes the physician about 45 minutes to complete the computerized evaluation. The results are therefore not available immediately after the test. On average, a report is available within 24 hours and will be mailed to your referring doctor. You will return to your referring doctor to review the results. No follow up appointment is required unless you would like to discuss the results in more detail. The cost of the testing depends on how many nerves and muscles are tested. It varies widely from approximately \$200 to as much as \$2000. Since we accept assignment from most insurance companies, you will only be responsible for your co-pay and/or deductible. Our front desk staff can tell you exactly what that should be. We look forward to helping diagnose your problem. **Please feel free to ask any additional questions you may have.**

I authorize my physician, with associates or assistants of his choice, to perform the procedure of EMG on my neck and arms or back and legs or face. I further authorize my physician, with associates or assistants of his choice to do any other procedure that in their judgement may be necessary or advisable should unforeseen circumstances arise during the procedure.

**I certify that I have read and understand this treatment agreement.**

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Signature Patient or Legal Representative

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_ I have been offered to have a chaperone present and declined.

I certify that I have explained the nature, purpose, benefits, risks, complications and alternatives to the proposed procedure to the patient or the patient's legal representative. I have answered all questions fully, and I believe that the patient / legal representative fully understands what I have explained.

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Jerrold Rosenberg, MD

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Date