

Discussion relative to vasectomy was undertaken. Specifically: His current parental status; His lack of ever having a fertile reproductive status post procedure; His lack of satisfaction with other methods of reproductive control; His concerns over the procedure and complications. The procedure was described in detail, with emphasis placed on side effects and complication that may occur. Information was provided on but not limited to: anatomy, the lack of guarantee of results and the rate of failure, concerns over cancer, libido, pain, bruising, infection, epididymitis, sperm granuloma, continued scrotal or testicular pain, sperm antibodies, the need for possible further surgery/procedures, reaction to medication, and spontaneous recanalization of the vas deferens resulting in a return to fertility. The need for two follow up semen samples, one each at 6 and 10 weeks to document sterility was stressed to the patient, as was the need for continued alternate contraception until sterility was documented. It was stressed that the procedure should be considered one that may not be reversed with any guarantee of success. Opportunity for follow up questions was provided, the patient was encouraged to contact us if he had any further questions prior to the procedure. Signed consent was obtained today, and he was referred to the procedure coordinator for scheduling of the procedure in the near future. More than 50% of this thirty minute appointment was spent in counseling