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INFORMED CONSENT FOR CONTINUOUS VENO-VENOUS HEMODIALYSIS

I, _____ have been informed that my kidneys are
(name of patient)
not functioning and that I need continuous veno-venous hemodialysis to sustain my life. I understand that while hemodialysis is a life-sustaining procedure, it is not a cure for kidney failure.

The procedure necessary to treat my condition has been explained to me by my physician, and I understand the nature of the procedure to be as follows:

Hemodialysis will clean my blood by pumping it through a device that will remove wastes and excess fluids. I understand that Hemodialysis involves, among other things, the insertion of a catheter into my veins and the use of artificial kidneys to filter my blood. I also understand that, along with the Hemodialysis treatment, I may need laboratory tests, radiology and surgical procedures to assure adequate function of the equipment and effectiveness of the treatment.

I have been informed that the following risks are associated with continuous veno-venous hemodialysis and that while such risks are not common, one or more can occur and be potentially life threatening:

- Bacterial and/or viral (e.g., Hepatitis B or C) contamination of my blood which may cause infection, or bacterial infection of the blood called Sepsis;

- Bleeding due to blood clotting problems or disconnection of blood tubing;
- “Destruction” or the breakdown of red blood cells, known as hemolysis;
- Internal bleeding or bleeding from the access site;
- Infections of my access site (catheter or fistula infections);
- Introduction of air into my bloodstream;
- Shock or cardiac arrest;
- Allergic and toxic reactions to drugs, solutions, artificial kidneys or other equipment used during the continuous veno-venous hemodialysis treatment.
- Clotting of my access or infiltration of my access.

○ _____ Patient initial

I have also been informed that there may be some side effects associated with continuous veno-venous hemodialysis related to fluid and chemical changes during or after the hemodialysis treatment. Some of the side effects are osteoporosis, electrolyte imbalance, headache, nausea, dizziness, fainting, irregular heartbeats, decrease in blood pressure, muscle cramping and mild confusion.

