

The Black Canyon Surgical Center is working to protect our patients, staff, visitor and providers from COVID-19. Covid-19 is a new disease with limited information known regarding risk factors for severe disease. Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 however, individuals of any age may develop severe illness.

BCSC is doing all that we can to reduce your risk of contracting this disease while in our facility, however, any community contact increases risk. BCSC is doing its best to maintain a safe patient care environment. As a result, we feel it necessary to provide you with this information prior to your surgical procedure so you may make an informed decision.

Based on what we currently know, those most at risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are:

- People 65 years and older
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility
- People of all ages with underlying medical conditions, including:
 - People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
 - People with serious heart conditions
 - People who are immunocompromised
 - Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications.
 - People with severe obesity (body mass index or BMI of 40 or higher)
 - People with diabetes
 - People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
 - People with liver disease

Despite safeguards instituted to minimize infection, I understand that there is a risk that performing this elective surgery or procedure, and the care associated with it, may result in my becoming infected with the COVID-19 virus. Such infection could further result in: significant sickness, disability, or death. I understand that this Special Consent Form is only being used because of the unique circumstances surrounding the pandemic.