

## Salpingo-Oophorectomy

Salpingo-oophorectomy (SO) is the removal of the ovary and fallopian tube. It is either performed on one or both sides. If both ovaries and tubes are removed it is referred to as a Bilateral Salpingo-Oophorectomy (BSO).

Salpingo-Oophorectomy is performed for pelvic pain, cysts, infection, and ectopic pregnancy or in conjunction with a hysterectomy. This can be accomplished with an abdominal incision, vaginally or with a laparoscope using small incisions in the abdominal wall. Regardless of the route, there are risks inherent to SO or BSO. Risks include anesthetic reaction, bleeding requiring blood transfusion, infection of the incisions or pelvis, pelvic pain, damage to the bowel or urinary tract, blood clots (DVT) that form in the pelvis or legs that may travel to the lungs and be life threatening or fatal, nerve damage to the lower extremities and hormonal changes. If being done for pelvic pain, it is possible that your pain may not be relieved with removal of the ovaries. Please note that some injuries are not recognizable at the time of surgery or may develop in the hours or days following your surgery.

Although precautions will be taken to protect your safety, no surgery is without risk.

By signing below, I confirm that I have spoken with my doctor regarding the risks of salpingo-oophorectomy as well as the alternatives available to me. I have considered the options and am certain that surgery is in my best interest despite the risks. In addition, I have read and accept the risks described above and consent to the procedure listed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Procedure \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor \_\_\_\_\_