



1. Identification and description of the procedure.

You or your relative are to have an operation for one of the following reasons:

REPAIR OF A CRANIAL DEFECT OR CRANIOPLASTY. This consists of reopening the surgical approach and repairing the bone defect, inserting bone from the patient or synthetic material which is fixed to the edges of the defect.

REMOVAL OF BONE FLAPS. This consists of removing bone from an earlier craniotomy or material which has already been inserted, generally because of infection or repositioning, so that cranioplasty may then be performed.

2. Purpose of the procedure and benefits that are expected to be achieved

You should be aware that any of these operations is very delicate. Cranioplasty aims to correct the cranial defect, be it for cosmetic reasons or to protect the underlying brain and to correct possible changes in pressure on the brain which may arise. The removal of material removes any damaged or infected bone or prosthesis, making it possible to clean and sterilise the area so that the defect may then be repaired.

3. Reasonable alternatives to this procedure

The alternative to the proposed treatment, if a care protocol is being followed, is to maintain the current treatment.

4. Predictable consequences of the procedure

You will be subject to reasonable risks resulting from surgery and the anaesthetic. The predictable consequences of the procedure are as follows:

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5. Predictable consequences if not performed

Current symptoms will persist or get worse, increasing the risks implied, and making functional recovery and control of the illness more difficult. The foreseeable consequences if it is not performed are as follows:

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6. Risks

As with any operation there can be intra- or postoperative complications and any of these complications may lead to a temporary or permanent neurological deterioration of the patient's symptoms or the appearance of other new symptoms. There may be postoperative complications related to surgery (HAEMORRHAGE, INFECTION, CEREBROSPINAL FLUID FISTULA) or the brain (CEREBRAL CONTUSION, CEREBRAL OEDEMA, EPILEPTIC FITS). Any of these complications may lead to a temporary or permanent neurological deterioration of the patient's symptoms or the appearance of other new symptoms (STROKE, APHASIA, VISUAL DISORDERS, HIGHER FUNCTION DISORDERS, COMA, ETC.) There are other complications which are not directly related to the surgery. Although the final result and complications depend on the patient's condition be it for one reason or another, postoperative mortality is less than 1%.

Below is a list of the most common complications and their rate of occurrence according to the experience of various centres. Any operation carries a risk but in suggesting this operation to you, we do so confident that the benefit we are hoping for will offset the risk it incurs. You will regularly be provided with information on the patient's development and in the case of complications, how serious they are.

FREQUENCY OF THE MOST COMMON COMPLICATIONS: Infection: 0,1-6,8% : superficial, of the skin. Osteomyelitis (infection of the bone, plasty). Deep infection or cerebritis (inflammation of the brain), with the formation of a cerebral abscess (accumulation of pus)(rare). Meningitis (rare); haematoma in soft tissues 2-8%. Epidural area 1%; cerebrospinal fluid fistula: 1-3%; epileptic fit after the operation. 0.1-2%; neurological deficit (infrequent): Depending on the location of the cranial defect: hemiparesis (loss of strength in one half of the body). Change in the field of vision. Language disorder. Sensitivity defect; haemorrhage inside the brain (infrequent) which may cause a neurological defect or worsen one which already exists; complications in other organs or systems (pneumonias, gastric haemorrhages, vein thromboses); operative mortality; < 5% (Spanish Society of Neurosurgery).

7. Risks depending on the patient's clinical situation.

In addition to the aforementioned risks, the presence of other illnesses, allergies or general irregularities may increase the number of complications and how serious they are. Because of the illness(es) you are suffering from, there may be other complications:

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Declaration of consent

Mr./Mrs./Miss. aged, with home address at
....., National Identity No. and SIP number

Mr./Mrs./Miss. aged, with home address at
..... acting in the capacity of (the patient's legal representative, relative or close friend), with National Identity No.

Hereby declare:

That the Doctor has explained to me that it is advisable/necessary in my situation to perform a
..... and that I have adequately understood the information he/she has given me.

In on, 2

Signed: Mr./Mrs./Miss. With National Identity Card No

Signed: Dr. With National Identity Card No

Associate number

Revocation of the consent

I hereby revoke the consent granted on the date of, 2 and I do not wish to carry on with the treatment that I hereby terminate on this date.

In on, 2

Signed: The Doctor

Signed: The patient

Associate number:

