

## Informed Consent Handout – Anterior Repair

This handout explains the risk of Anterior Repair as performed by Dr. Reilly. It is based on published studies of Anterior Repair and Dr. Reilly's complication rates. Anterior Repair tightens the front wall of the vagina to help keep the bladder in proper position. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Dr. Reilly's office at (519) 787-7418 or Palmerston Hospital at 519-343-2030 to book an appointment to review your questions.

Dr. Reilly started independent practice in August 2005. Between August 2005 and Dec 31, 2017 Dr. Reilly has performed 306 Anterior Repairs. 91% of his patients experienced no complications.

The most common complications of an Anterior Repair are bleeding and infection. These can range from a minor issue that does not require any treatment to death. Dr. Reilly's patients experience higher than average bleeding 2% of the time and infection at a rate of 6.5%.

Because Dr. Reilly is operating near the bladder, there is a risk of bladder injury and urinary retention. If the bladder injury is recognized at the time of the surgery, then the only consequence is the need to wear a catheter overnight after the surgery and there is no long-term harm. If the bladder injury is not recognized during the surgery, then it could result in additional surgery and long-term harm. In published studies, the risk of bladder injury ranges from 4% to 11% while Dr. Reilly has yet to have a patient experience this. Urinary retention is not being able to empty your bladder and occurs when the repair is too tight. A patient with urinary retention needs a catheter to empty her bladder after the surgery. For urinary retention, the risk in published studies is 10% while Dr. Reilly's rate is 1%.

### Summary

#### 306 Anterior Repair Surgeries Performed

Complication	# of Patients	% of Patients	% in Studies
None	278	91%	
1. Bleeding	6	2%	
2. Infection	20	6.5%	
4. Bladder Injury	0	0%	4 - 11%
7. Urinary retention	4	1%	10%