A. Interpreter / cultural needs

- An Interpreter Service is required?  
  - [ ] Yes  
  - [ ] No
- If Yes, is a qualified Interpreter present?  
  - [ ] Yes  
  - [ ] No
- A Cultural Support Person is required?  
  - [ ] Yes  
  - [ ] No
- If Yes, is a Cultural Support Person present?  
  - [ ] Yes  
  - [ ] No

B. Condition and treatment

The doctor has explained that you have the following condition:  
(Doctor to document in patient's own words)

This condition requires the following procedure.  
(Doctor to document - include site and/or side where relevant to the procedure)

The following will be performed:

A Percutaneous Nephrolithotomy is a minimally invasive surgical procedure to remove stones from the kidney.

C. Risks of a percutaneous nephrolithotomy (PCNL)

There are risks and complications with this procedure. They include but are not limited to the following.

**General risks:**
- Infection can occur, requiring antibiotics and further treatment.
- Bleeding could occur and may require a return to the operating room. Bleeding is more common if you have been taking blood thinning drugs such as Warfarin, Aspirin, Clopidogrel (Plavix or Iscover) or Dipyridamole (Persantin or Asasantin).
- Small areas of the lung can collapse, increasing the risk of chest infection. This may need antibiotics and physiotherapy.
- Increased risk in obese people of wound infection, chest infection, heart and lung complications, and thrombosis.
- Heart attack or stroke could occur due to the strain on the heart.
- Blood clot in the leg (DVT) causing pain and swelling. In rare cases part of the clot may break off and go to the lungs.
- Death as a result of this procedure is possible.

**Specific risks:**
- There is a very rare risk of severe bleeding requiring open exploration of the kidney. If this occurs, the kidney may have to be removed.
- Septicaemia (blood poisoning). Antibiotics are usually given to help prevent this.
- Very rarely, injury to the bowel. Further surgery and repair may be required.

D. Significant risks and procedure options

(Doctor to document in space provided. Continue in Medical Record if necessary.)

- Injury to the pleura (lining of the lung cavity). This may require a tube to be put into the chest to re-inflate the lung.
- During the procedure, a small fragment of stone may fall into the ureter causing a blockage. If this happens, a stent (a drainage tube between the kidney and the bladder) may be inserted.
- The aim of the procedure is to either clear the stone altogether or break up the stone. If breaking up of the stone is done, further surgery may be needed to remove other pieces of the stone from within the kidney.

E. Risks of not having this procedure

(Doctor to document in space provided. Continue in Medical Record if necessary.)

F. Anaesthetic

This procedure may require an anaesthetic.  
(Doctor to document type of anaesthetic discussed)

G. Patient consent

I acknowledge that the doctor has explained:

- my medical condition and the proposed procedure, including additional treatment if the doctor finds something unexpected. I understand the risks, including the risks that are specific to me.
- the anaesthetic required for this procedure. I understand the risks, including the risks that are specific to me.
- other relevant procedure/treatment options and their associated risks.
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- my prognosis and the risks of not having the procedure.
- that no guarantee has been made that the procedure will improve my condition even though it has been carried out with due professional care.
- the procedure may include a blood transfusion.
- tissues and blood may be removed and could be used for diagnosis or management of my condition, stored and disposed of sensitively by the hospital.
- if immediate life-threatening events happen during the procedure, they will be treated based on my discussions with the doctor or my Acute Resuscitation Plan.
- a doctor other than the consultant/specialist may conduct/assist with the clinically appropriate procedure/treatment/examination. I understand this could be a doctor undergoing further training. I understand that all surgical trainees are supervised according to relevant professional guidelines.

I was able to ask questions and raise concerns with the doctor about my condition, the proposed procedure and its risks, and my treatment options. My questions and concerns have been discussed and answered to my satisfaction.

I understand I have the right to change my mind at any time, including after I have signed this form but, preferably following a discussion with my doctor.

I understand that image/s or video footage may be recorded as part of and during my procedure and that these image/s or video/s will assist the doctor to provide appropriate treatment.

Student examination/procedure for educational purposes
For the purpose of undertaking professional training, a student/s may observe the medical examination/s or procedure/s and may also, subject to patient consent, perform an examination/s or assist in performing the procedure/s on a patient while the patient is under anaesthetic. This is for education purposes only. A student/s who undertakes an examination/s or assists in performing the procedure/s will be under the supervision of the treating doctor, in accordance with the relevant professional guidelines.

For the purposes of education I consent to a student/s undergoing training to:
- observe examination/s or procedure/s □ Yes □ No
- assist and/or perform examination/s or procedure/s □ Yes □ No

Student - this may include medical, nursing, midwifery, allied health or ambulance students.

I have been given the following Patient Information Sheet/s:
□ About Your Anaesthetic
□ Percutaneous Nephrolithotomy (PCNL)

On the basis of the above statements,
I request to have the procedure

Name of Patient: ..........................................................
Signature: ..................................................................
Date: ......................................................................

Patients who lack capacity to provide consent
Consent must be obtained from a substitute decision maker/s in the order below.

Does the patient have an Advance Health Directive (AHD)?

□ Yes □ Location of the original or certified copy of the AHD:

□ No □ Name of Substitute Decision Maker/s:
Signature: ..........................................................
Relationship to patient: ..............................................
Date: ................................ PH No: ...

Source of decision making authority (tick one):
□ Tribunal-appointed Guardian
□ Attorneys for health matters under Enduring Power of Attorney or AHD
□ Statutory Health Attorney
□ If none of these, the Adult Guardian has provided consent Ph 1300 QLD OAG (753 624)

H. Doctor / delegate statement
I have explained to the patient all the above points under the Patient Consent section (G) and I am of the opinion that the patient/substitute decision-maker has understood the information.

Name of Doctor/delegate: ..........................................................
Designation: ..................................................................
Signature: ..................................................................
Date: ......................................................................

I. Interpreter’s statement
I have given a sight translation in

(state the patient’s language here) of the consent form and assisted in the provision of any verbal and written information given to the patient/parent or guardian/substitute decision-maker by the doctor.

Name of Interpreter: ..........................................................
Signature: ..................................................................
Date: ......................................................................
1. What do I need to know about this procedure?

A cystoscopy (a telescopic instrument looking into the bladder) will be done first to put a catheter (tube) through the opening of the ureter (the tube which carries urine from the kidney to the bladder) and into the kidney. Contrast medium can then be injected along this tube into the kidney so that the kidney can be seen on x-ray during the procedure.

After being placed in a face down position, a needle is put into the loin to puncture the kidney, with the x-ray guiding the way. Once the kidney is punctured, the track is slowly widened. The kidney is then inspected with a telescope called a nephroscope. Small stones can then be removed. If the stone/s are too big, the stone/s will be shattered using mechanical energy such as a Lithocast or ultrasound. After the operation, a tube is passed into the kidney, exiting the body through the same wound.

2 or 3 days after the operation and before the tube is removed, an x-ray may be taken by injecting contrast medium through the drain into the kidney. If there is no blockage, the tube will usually be removed.

2. My anaesthetic:

This procedure will require an anaesthetic. See About Your Anaesthetic information sheet for information about the anaesthetic and the risks involved. If you have any concerns, discuss these with your doctor.

If you have not been given an information sheet, please ask for one.

3. What are the risks of this specific procedure?

There are risks and complications with this procedure. They include but are not limited to the following.

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4. Who will be performing the procedure?

A doctor other than the consultant/specialist may conduct/assist with the clinically appropriate procedure/treatment/investigation/examination.

I understand this could be a doctor undergoing further training, and that all trainees are supervised according to relevant professional guidelines.

If you have any concerns about which doctor/clinician will be performing the procedure, please discuss with the doctor/clinician.

For the purpose of undertaking professional training in this teaching hospital, a student/s may perform the medical examination/s or procedure/s. Subject to your consent, a student/s may perform an examination/s or assist in performing the procedure/s while you are under anaesthetic. This is for education purposes only. A student/s who undertakes an examination/s or assists in performing the procedure/s will be under the supervision of the treating doctor, in accordance with relevant professional guidelines.

If you choose not to consent, it will not adversely affect your access, outcome or rights to medical treatment in any way. You are under no obligation to consent to an examination/s or a procedure/s being undertaken by a student/s for education purposes.

**Notes to talk to my doctor about:**

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