



COVID-19

Surgical Procedure Supplement Sheet

What should I know about COVID-19?

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) a worldwide pandemic. COVID-19 is very contagious. The virus is more likely to spread when people are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet). For that reason, federal and state health agencies recommend physical distancing and other actions to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Midwest Spine & Brain Institute, LLC (MSBI) is working collaboratively with facilities to make it less likely that patients and staff will spread COVID-19.

How could COVID-19 affect me as a patient?

There is much we do not know about this new virus. This means we are still learning more about how to prevent it from spreading. Despite actions taken by MSBI to reduce the spread of COVID-19, there is a risk you could become infected with COVID-19.

Benefits, Risks, and Alternatives

Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You receive the procedure or treatment you need.
Risks or Complications (Problems)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your COVID-19 test result was negative, you still could have the virus. Either the test did not detect the virus or you may have gotten COVID-19 after you had the test. If you have a COVID-19 infection, even if you do not have any symptoms, having your procedure or treatment can mean you have a higher chance of problems and death. Exposure to COVID-19 before, during or after your procedure or treatment may cause one or more of these: testing positive for COVID-19; need for quarantine or isolation; need for more tests or treatment such as emergency or intensive care, hospital stay, machines (ventilators) and tubes (intubation) to help you breathe; and other risks, including death. The COVID-19 pandemic also may cause other risks unknown at this time. These risks are in addition to the risks for your procedure or treatment.
Alternatives or Other Treatment Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can schedule your procedure or treatment at a later date if you and your health care provider talk about it and agree to that plan.

Other Information: Your procedure or treatment could be canceled with very short notice if you have a positive COVID-19 test, you have signs or symptoms of COVID-19, or we need to be sure our facility has enough room to take care of patients here and in our community.

Before deciding whether to have your procedure or treatment, you should carefully consider these risks, including that you could already be infected or become infected with COVID-19, and that you may have a higher chance of complications. Talk with your health care provider if you have any questions or concerns.