

Preventative Medical Care:**High Risk Past Medical/Surgical History:**

	Medical/GYN exam in the last year.		Breast cancer.
	Bone density in the last 12 months.		Uterine cancer.
	Mammogram in the last 12 months.		Ovarian cancer
	Pelvic ultrasound in the last 12 months.		Hysterectomy with removal of ovaries
			Hysterectomy only.
			Oophorectomy removal of ovaries.

Birth Control Method:

	Menopause.
	Hysterectomy.
	Birth control pills.
	Tubal ligation.
	Vasectomy.
	Other:

Medical Illnesses:

	Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS)		Heart bypass.
	High blood pressure		Hypertension.
	High cholesterol		Stroke and/or heart attack.
	Blood clot and/or a pulmonary emboli		Arrhythmia
	Any form of Hepatitis or HIV		Lupus or other auto immune disease.
	Fibromyalgia		Trouble passing urine or take Flomax or Avodart.
	Chronic liver disease (hepatitis, fatty liver, cirrhosis)		Thyroid disease.
	Diabetes		Depression/anxiety.
	Arthritis		Cancer (type): _____ Year: _____
	Psychiatric disorder		

BHRT Checklist For Women

Symptom (please check mark)	Never	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Depressive mood				
Memory Loss				
Mental confusion				
Decreased sex drive/libido				
Sleep problems				
Mood changes/Irritability				
Tension				
Migraine/severe headaches				
Difficult to climax sexually				
Bloating				
Weight gain				
Breast tenderness				
Vaginal dryness				
Hot flashes				
Night sweats				
Dry and wrinkled skin				
Hair falling out				
Cold all the time				
Swelling all over the body				
Joint pain				

Family History

	NO	YES
Heart Disease		
Diabetes		
Osteoporosis		
Alzheimer's Disease		
Breast Cancer		

Post-Insertion Instructions for Women

- Your insertion site has been covered with two layers of bandages. Remove the outer pressure bandage any time after 24 hours. It **must** be removed as soon as it gets wet. The inner layer is either waterproof foam tape or steri-strips. They should be removed in **3 days**.
- We recommend putting an ice pack on the insertion area a couple of times for about 20 minutes each time over the next 4 to 5 hours.
- Do not take tub baths or get into a hot tub or swimming pool for **3 days**. You may shower but do not scrub the site until the incision is well healed (about 7 days).
- No major exercises for the incision area for the next **3 days**, this includes running, elliptical, squats, lunges, etc.
- The sodium bicarbonate in the anesthetic may cause the site to swell for 1-3 days.
- The insertion site may be uncomfortable for up to 2 to 3 weeks. If there is itching or redness you may take Benadryl for relief, 50 mg. orally every 6 hours. Caution this can cause drowsiness!
- You may experience bruising, swelling, and/or redness of the insertion site which may last from a few days up to 2 to 3 weeks.
- You may notice some pinkish or bloody discoloration of the outer bandage. This is normal.
- If you experience bleeding from the incision, apply firm pressure for 5 minutes.
- Please call if you have any bleeding not relieved with pressure (not oozing), as this is NOT normal.
- Please call if you have any pus coming out of the insertion site, as this is NOT normal.

Reminders:

- Remember to go for your post-insertion blood work **6 weeks** after the insertion.
- Most women will need re-insertions of their pellets **3-4 months** after their initial insertion.
- Please call as soon as symptoms that were relieved from the pellets start to return to make an appointment for a re-insertion. The charge for the second visit will only be for the insertion and not a consultation.

I acknowledge that I have received a copy and understand the instructions on this form.

Signature

Print Name

Date

Female Testosterone and/or Estradiol Pellet Insertion Consent Form

Bio-identical hormone pellets are hormones, biologically identical to the hormones you make in your own body prior to menopause. Estrogen and testosterone were made in your ovaries and adrenal gland prior to menopause. Bio-identical hormones have the same effects on your body as your own estrogen and testosterone did when you were younger, without the monthly fluctuations (ups and downs) of menstrual cycles. Bio-identical hormone pellets are plant derived and are FDA monitored, but not approved for female hormonal replacement. The pellet method of hormone replacement has been used in Europe and Canada for many years and by select OB/GYNs in the United States. You will have similar risks as you had prior to menopause, from the effects of estrogen and androgens, given as pellets. Patients who are pre-menopausal are advised to continue reliable birth control while participating in pellet hormone replacement therapy. Testosterone is category X (will cause birth defects) and cannot be given to pregnant women.

My birth control method is: (please check one)

Abstinence Birth control pill Hysterectomy IUD Menopause Tubal ligation Vasectomy Other

CONSENT FOR TREATMENT: I consent to the insertion of testosterone and/or estradiol pellets in my hip. I have been informed that I may experience any of the complications to this procedure as described below. These side effects are similar to those related to traditional testosterone and/or estrogen replacement. **Surgical risks are the same as for any minor medical procedure and are included in the list of overall risks below:**

Bleeding, bruising, swelling, infection and pain; reaction to local anesthetic and/or preservatives; extrusion of pellets; hyper sexuality (overactive Libido); lack of effect (from lack of absorption); breast tenderness and swelling especially in the first three weeks (estrogen pellets only); increase in hair growth on the face, similar to pre-menopausal patterns; water retention (estrogen only); increased growth of estrogen dependent tumors (endometrial cancer, breast cancer); birth defects in babies exposed to testosterone during their gestation; growth of liver tumors, if already present; change in voice (which is reversible); clitoral enlargement (which is reversible). The estradiol dosage that I may receive can aggravate fibroids or polyps, if they exist, and can cause bleeding. Testosterone therapy may increase one's hemoglobin and hematocrit, or thicken one's blood. This problem can be diagnosed with a blood test. Thus, a complete blood count (Hemoglobin & Hematocrit) should be done at least annually. This condition can be reversed simply by donating blood periodically.

BENEFITS OF TESTOSTERONE PELLETS INCLUDE: Increased libido, energy, and sense of well-being; increased muscle mass and strength and stamina; decreased frequency and severity of migraine headaches; decrease in mood swings, anxiety and irritability; decreased weight; decrease in risk or severity of diabetes; decreased risk of heart disease; decreased risk of Alzheimer's and dementia.

I have read and understand the above. I have been encouraged and have had the opportunity to ask any questions regarding pellet therapy. All of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I further acknowledge that there may be risks of testosterone and or estrogen therapy that we do not yet know, at this time, and that the risks and benefits of this treatment have been explained to me and I have been informed that I may experience complications, including one or more of those listed above. I accept these risks and benefits, and I consent to the insertion of hormone pellets under my skin. This consent is ongoing for this and all future pellet insertions.

I understand that payment is due in full at the time of service. I also understand that it is my responsibility to submit a claim to my insurance company for possible reimbursement. I have been advised that most insurance companies do not consider pellet therapy to be a covered benefit and my insurance company may not reimburse me, depending on my coverage. I acknowledge that my provider has no contracts with any insurance company and is not contractually obligated to pre-certify treatment with my insurance company or answer letters of appeal.

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Hormone Replacement Fee Acknowledgment

Although more insurance companies are reimbursing patients for the Medical Hormone Replacement Therapy, there is no guarantee. You will be responsible for payment in full at the time of your procedure. We will give you paperwork to send to your insurance company to file for reimbursement upon request.

New Patient Consult Fee	\$100.00
Female Hormone Pellet Insertion Fee	\$350.00
Male Hormone Pellet Insertion Fee	\$650.00

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WHAT MIGHT OCCUR AFTER A PELLETT INSERTION

A significant hormonal transition will occur in the first four weeks after the insertion of your hormone pellets. Therefore, certain changes might develop that can be bothersome.

- **FLUID RETENTION:** Testosterone stimulates the muscle to grow and retain water, which may result in a weight change of two to five pounds. This is only temporary. This happens frequently with the first insertion, and especially during hot, humid weather conditions.

- **SWELLING OF THE HANDS & FEET:** This is common in hot and humid weather. It may be treated by drinking lots of water, reducing your salt intake, taking cider vinegar capsules daily, (found at most health and food stores) or by taking a mild diuretic, which the office can prescribe.

- **UTERINE SPOTTING/BLEEDING:** This may occur in the first few months after an insertion, especially if you have been prescribed progesterone and are not taking properly: i.e. missing doses, or not taking a high enough dose. Please notify the office if this occurs. Bleeding is not necessarily an indication of a significant uterine problem. More than likely, the uterus may be releasing tissue that needs to be eliminated. This tissue may have already been present in your uterus prior to getting pellets and is being released in response to the increase in hormones.

- **MOOD SWINGS/IRRITABILITY:** These may occur if you were quite deficient in hormones. They will disappear when enough hormones are in your system. 5HTP can be helpful for this temporary symptom and can be purchased at many health food stores.

- **FACIAL BREAKOUT:** Some pimples may arise if the body is very deficient in testosterone. This lasts a short period of time and can be handled with a good face cleansing routine, astringents and toner. If these solutions do not help, please call the office for suggestions and possibly prescriptions.

- **HAIR LOSS:** Is rare and usually occurs in patients who convert testosterone to DHT. Dosage adjustment generally reduces or eliminates the problem. Prescription medications may be necessary in rare cases.

- **HAIR GROWTH:** Testosterone may stimulate some growth of hair on your chin, chest, nipples and/or lower abdomen. This tends to be hereditary. You may also have to shave your legs and arms more often. Dosage adjustment generally reduces or eliminates the problem.

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