INTRODUCTION:

Your physician has requested that you undergo a nephrostomy tube check and/or change to further treat the condition affecting your kidney and/or ureter. Based on the findings of this study, additional interventions, such as a stricture dilation, stent placement, tissue sampling, or stone removal may be performed. We are asking you to read and sign this form so that we can be sure you understand the procedure and potential benefits, along with the associated potential risks, complications, alternatives, the likelihood of achieving the goals, and the recuperative process. Please ask questions about anything on this form that you do not understand.

PROCEDURE:

A nephrostomy tube check involves injecting x-ray contrast material (x-ray dye) through the tube and taking x-ray pictures. A nephrostomy tube change involves passing a wire through the tube in your kidney, removing the tube over the wire and then replacing it with another tube. After the new tube is inserted, the wire is removed. Some numbing medicine will be injected in the skin before the wire is inserted and the tube changed. Intravenous medications may also be given to you to make you more comfortable and relaxed. This is known as moderate sedation. The procedure will be guided by an x-ray camera. The position of the tube will then be confirmed by the injection of x-ray contrast material (x-ray dye) and/or removal of fluid. X-ray pictures of your kidney will then be taken. Depending on your condition, a new drainage tube may be placed, a tissue sample taken, a stone removed, or a blockage of the urinary system opened with a balloon catheter or stent placement. If a new nephrostomy tube is placed it will be inserted through the skin and secured in place. It may need to stay in place for a long time to allow your urine to drain. Tubes in the urinary system often become plugged after time, which may result in the need to replace the tube at a future date. If not replaced, a plugged tube may result in a serious infection. If an area of blockage is discovered, an attempt to open the blockage may be performed with a balloon catheter. This involves the insertion of a special tube, which has a tiny deflated balloon. The balloon is positioned at the site of the blockage and is then inflated.

Following this procedure, if there still is not enough urine flow through the area of blockage, a plastic or metal tube (stent) may be placed at the site. The stent will widen the ureter and improve the urine flow. If a tissue sample is to be taken or a stone removed, either of these procedures can be performed through the needle access already created in your urinary system.

RISKS:

Risks associated with the procedure include, but are not limited to, pain or discomfort at the tube insertion site, bleeding at the site, internal bleeding, injury to a blood vessel, organ puncture, and infection which may result in an infection of the blood stream. Because a tube is being placed into your kidney and/or ureter, there is the risk of developing an infection of the urine. The development of any infection may result in the need for intravenous antibiotics. You may develop blood in your urine, which generally clears with time, but occasionally requires treatment with additional procedures. Risks associated with the x-ray contrast material include an allergic reaction. The medications used for the moderate sedation are associated with the risks of aspiration (inhaling food or liquid into your lungs) or respiratory depression. In addition to these potential risks associated with the procedure, the x-ray contrast material, and the moderate sedation medications, there may be other unpredictable risks including death.

(Complete this paragraph if applicable or document “NA”)

Due to your additional medical history of ___________________________

added risks for you include but are not limited to: ____________________

ALTERNATIVES:

There may be other procedures that can be performed to further evaluate or manage your kidney condition. If you are unsure about having a nephrostomy tube check/change procedure, along with a possible stricture dilation, stent placement, tissue sampling, or stone removal, please discuss these other alternatives with your physician.
Consent for Nephrostomy Tube Check, Change and Possible Stricture Dilation, Stent Placement, Tissue Sampling or Stone Removal

AGREEMENT:
The information on this form was explained to me by __________________________. I understand the information and I have had the opportunity to ask any other questions I might have about the procedure, the reasons it is being performed, the associated risks, and the alternatives to the procedure. I agree to undergo the procedure to be performed by an authorized member of the Division of Vascular and Interventional Radiology and his/her associates, assistants, and appropriate hospital personnel, and accept the risks. I also agree that fellows, residents and surgical assistants may participate in significant tasks that are part of the procedure. In addition, I agree to have any other appropriate personnel present for the procedure.

I assign to the University of Pennsylvania Health System (“Health System”) all rights to any tissues, organs, cells, body parts, and/or body fluids that may be removed during this procedure and I authorize the Health System to use or dispose of such specimens according to its standard practices.

The University of Pennsylvania Health System routinely suspends all resuscitative aspects of living wills and Do Not Attempt Resuscitation orders during the pre-procedure, procedural and post-procedural period, unless you specifically tell us otherwise. This applies to all invasive and operative procedures.

Signature: __________________________ Date: _________ Time _______
Patient

Signature: __________________________ Date: _________ Time _______
Authorized Healthcare Professional obtaining and witnessing patient’s signature

Signature: __________________________ Date: _________ Time _______
Attending physician (if applicable)

To be used if the patient is a minor, unconscious, or otherwise lacking decision making capacity.

I, __________________________, the _______________________
Relationship to patient
of __________________________ hereby give consent.

Signature: __________________________ Date: _________ Time _______
Legally Authorized Representative

Signature: __________________________ Date: _________ Time _______
Authorized Healthcare Professional obtaining and witnessing representative’s signature

Signature: __________________________ Date: _________ Time _______
Attending physician (if applicable)

Signature: __________________________ Date: _________ Time _______
Witness to telephone consent