

No-Scalpel Vasectomy

Today sterilization is the most popular form of birth control for married couples. Approximately one half million vasectomies are performed annually in the United States. Vasectomy is safer, quicker and less costly than female sterilization. At Perlow Urology, vasectomies are performed as an outpatient procedure under local anesthesia. Consultation and vasectomy can be performed in one office visit and your total time in the office is usually less than one hour.

What is the No-Scalpel Vasectomy?

The No-Scalpel Vasectomy is an advanced technique for performing vasectomy, which is new to the United States, but was developed and used in China since 1974. It differs from a conventional vasectomy in that instead of two incisions being made with a scalpel---one on each side of the scrotum (the sac containing the testicles), a tiny opening is created in the center of the scrotum utilizing specially designed instruments. Through this opening, a portion of each vas deferens (the tube that carries the sperm) can be removed. Because this opening is so small, stitches are not required for closure and only a tiny band-aid is used.

Why is the No-Scalpel Vasectomy Better?

An excellent report in the Journal of Urology (Vol. 145, 341-344), confirms that there have been significantly less complications with the No-Scalpel Vasectomy than with the conventional vasectomy. This was based on a study of nearly 180,000 No-Scalpel Vasectomies performed. It is clear there is less discomfort and quicker healing with this new, advanced technique.

For your convenience, we have enclosed a brochure on the No-Scalpel Vasectomy that I recommend reviewing prior to vasectomy. Should you have any further questions, or would like to schedule an appointment, please feel free to contact this center at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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