

## **REVERSAL OF TUBAL STERILIZATION**

Reversal of tubal ligation is accomplished through a small (~4") "bikini" incision just above the pubic bone. Using local anesthetic and microsurgical technique (gentle tissue handling with minimal blood loss) we are able to accomplish this as an outpatient procedure. You are asleep during the procedure. Wound closure is accomplished with self-dissolving sutures under the skin to minimize pain and scarring. Generally the surgery takes one to two hours and you go home after two to three hours in recovery. Recovery is quite rapid and you can expect to be on your feet the same day and back to normal activities within two weeks.

A successful tubal ligation reversal and pregnancy is dependant on many variables including the type of tubal ligation you received, previous abdominal surgeries, your age, your reproductive health and your general health. All these variables and an estimate of success will be discussed with you prior to the reversal. In most cases you can expect a 70 – 80% chance of pregnancy within the first year following reversal.

I require a copy of the operative note and pathology report from your tubal ligation in order to determine the length of tube we have to work with. Some methods of tubal sterilization are incompatible with reversal (i.e. fimbriectomy where the end of the tube is completely removed).

The charge for tubal reversal is \$4,800.00. This fee includes your initial consult, surgery and post-surgical follow-up. This charge is paid prior to the surgery. Please contact Jill Weiss at (706) 845-0500 to discuss financing options.

The charges for the Hospital services at Lanier Health Systems (nursing, anesthesia, fluids, dressings etc.) are approximately \$2000.00. You may contact Chuck Herrock at (334) 756-9180, and he can make arrangements with you for their services.

Please also check with your insurance company to see if this procedure is covered. Unfortunately very few insurance companies provide coverage for a tubal reversal but there are some out there!

Please feel free to contact us at The Women's Center if you have any unanswered questions (706 845-0500).

Wishing you health and fulfillment of your dreams,

James J. Bendell. M.D., Ph.D.