Surgical Consent for Drainage of Abscess

**Diagnosis:**
- Abscess

**Name of Procedure/Treatment:**
- Incision and drainage of abscess.

**Risks common to all surgical procedures:**
- Injury to a blood vessel or excessive bleeding. This may require a blood transfusion.
- Infection, which may require the use of antibiotics. In rare cases, another surgical procedure may be necessary to remove the infection.
- Complications with anesthesia. This may include nausea, vomiting, or in rare cases, death.
- Tobacco use, excessive alcohol use and obesity can increase the risk of any surgical procedure or general anesthetic. Any of these factors may substantially affect healing and can result in an increase of major complications including pneumonia, wound infection, blood clots in the legs and lungs, or death.

**Risks and possible complications of the proposed treatment:**
- Reaction to Xylocaine (anesthetic)
- Recurring infection
- Possible need for additional surgery

**Alternative Treatments:**
- Observation

**Prognosis if the proposed treatment is NOT accepted:**
- Infection will become worse

I understand the above information and give my consent to have the described treatment performed.

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