



Dear patient,

Please be aware that **today's BioTe pellet insertion procedure allows only for the fulfillment of the aforementioned procedure, and does not allow for the discussion of *medications, refills, or other medical problems* such as would be addressed during a **regular office visit**.**

Due to your provider's limited time, and as a courtesy to your fellow patients, please *inquire at **check-out*** if there are any same-day appointment slots available, should you require any further services.

In short, **the BioTe procedure does not count as a regular office visit, nor is it billed as one.** As a result, we are prohibited from providing any services typically rendered during a normal office visit. However, you are welcome to inquire at our check-out desk about a same-day appointment to address any immediate medical needs.

-Perisseia Primary Care and Wellness

Please note: a cancellation fee of \$100 will be incurred for any procedures cancelled within a 24-hour window prior to the scheduled appointment time.

***By signing below, you (the patient/representative) hereby signify that you understand and agree with the policies of Perisseia Primary Care and Wellness which have been outlined above:**

Patient/representative sign

Date of signature



Testosterone Pellet Insertion Male Consent Form

Bio-identical testosterone pellets are concentrated, compounded hormone, biologically identical to the testosterone that is made in your own body. Testosterone was made in your testicles prior to "andropause." Bio-identical hormones have the same effects on your body as your own testosterone did when you were younger. Bio-identical hormone pellets are made from yams and bio-identical hormone replacement using pellets has been used in Europe, the U.S. and Canada since the 1930's. Your risks are similar to those of any testosterone replacement but may be lower risk than alternative forms. During andropause, the risk of not receiving adequate hormone therapy can outweigh the risks of replacing testosterone.

Risks of not receiving testosterone therapy after andropause include but are not limited to:

Arteriosclerosis, elevation of cholesterol, obesity, loss of strength and stamina, generalized aging, osteoporosis, mood disorders, depression, arthritis, loss of libido, erectile dysfunction, loss of skin tone, diabetes, increased overall inflammatory processes, dementia and Alzheimer's disease, and many other symptoms of aging.

CONSENT FOR TREATMENT: I consent to the insertion of testosterone pellets in my hip. I have been informed that I may experience any of the complications to this procedure as described below. **Surgical risks are the same as for any minor medical procedure.**

Side effects may include:

Bleeding, bruising, swelling, infection and pain. Lack of effect (typically from lack of absorption). Thinning hair, male pattern baldness. Increased growth of prostate and prostate tumors. Extrusion of pellets. Hyper sexuality (overactive libido). Ten to fifteen percent shrinkage in testicle size. There can also be a significant reduction in sperm production.

There is some risk, even with natural testosterone therapy, of enhancing an existing current prostate cancer to grow more rapidly. For this reason, a prostate specific antigen blood test is to be done before starting testosterone pellet therapy and will be conducted each year thereafter. If there is any question about possible prostate cancer, a follow-up with an ultrasound of the prostate gland may be required as well as a referral to a qualified specialist. While urinary symptoms typically improve with testosterone, rarely they may worsen, or worsen before improving. 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 and 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 (secondary to hormonal decline). Decreased weight (Increase in lean body mass). Decrease in risk or severity of diabetes. Decreased risk of Alzheimer's and Dementia. Decreased risk of heart disease in men less than 75 years old with no pre-existing history of heart disease.

On January 31, 2014, the FDA issued a Drug Safety Communication indicating that the FDA is investigating risk of heart attack and death in some men taking FDA approved testosterone products. The risks were found in men over the age of 65 years old with pre-existing heart disease and men over the age of 75 years old with or without pre-existing heart disease. These studies were performed with testosterone patches, testosterone creams and synthetic testosterone injections and did not include subcutaneous hormone pellet therapy.

I agree to immediately report to my practitioner's office any adverse reactions or problems that may be related to my therapy. Potential complications have been explained to me and I agree that I have received information regarding those risks, potential complications and benefits, and the nature of bio-identical and other treatments and have had all my questions answered. Furthermore, I have not been promised or guaranteed any specific benefits from the administration of bio-identical therapy. I certify this form has been fully explained to me, and I have read it or have had it read to me and I understand its contents. 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 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.



Print Name

Signature

Today's Date



WHAT MIGHT OCCUR AFTER A PELLETT INSERTION (MALE)

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.
- **MOOD SWINGS/IRRITABILITY:** These may occur if you were quite deficient in hormones. They will disappear when enough hormones are in your system.
- **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.



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Post-Insertion Instructions for Men

- Your insertion site has been covered with two layers of bandages. Remove the outer pressure bandage any time after 3rd day. It **MUST** be removed as soon as possible if it gets wet. You may replace it with a bandage to catch any anesthetic that may ooze out. The inner layer is steri-strips. They should not be removed before **6 to 7 days after procedure**.
- 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 **7 days**, this includes running, riding a horse, etc.
- The sodium bicarbonate in the anesthetic may cause the site to swell for 1-3 days. Don't worry.....this is normal.
- 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 oozing) or pus coming out of the insertion site that is not relieved by pressure.

Reminders:

- Remember to go for your post-insertion blood work **4 weeks** after the insertion.
- Most men will need re-insertions of their pellets **5-6 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 be only for the insertion and not a consultation.

Additional Instructions:

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

Print Name



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Hormone Replacement Fee Acknowledgment

Although more insurance companies are reimbursing patients for the BioTE® 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	\$125
Female Hormone Pellet Insertion Fee	\$350
Male Hormone Pellet Insertion Fee	\$650
Male Pellet Insertion Fee (≥2000mg)	\$700

We accept the following forms of payment:

Major Credit Cards, Health Savings Account (HAS), Personal Checks and Cash.

Print Name



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REQUEST TO RESTRICT DISCLOSURE TO HEALTH PLAN
{Authorized by Section 13405(a) of the HITECH Act}

I request that Perisseia Primary Care and Wellness (the "Practice") not disclose my protected health information (PHI) to my health plan or other third party insurance carrier. Pursuant to Section 13405(a) of the HITECH Act, I understand I have the right to request restrictions on whether the Practice discloses my protected health information (PHI) with my health plan and the Practice is required to agree to my request unless the information is required to be disclosed to my health plan to comply with the law.


The records of the restricted services/items listed below ("Restricted Services/Items") will not be released or billed to my health plan or other third party insurance carrier for the purposes of payment or health care operations. I understand I am financially responsible for these Restricted Services/Items and will pay out-of-pocket, in full, at the time of service in order for the Practice to accept this restriction request.

REQUESTED RESTRICTION:

Services/Items to be restricted: _____

Total Charge Amount (or estimated amount): \$ _____ per treatment/per month (circle one)
Other: _____

(I understand that I am responsible for full charges when finalized)

Signed by:  _____ Date: _____

PRACTICE USE ONLY:

Obtained by: _____ Date: _____

Print Patient Name: _____

Print Patient Address: _____

INSURANCE DISCLAIMER

Preventative medicine and bio-identical hormone replacement is a unique practice and is considered a form of alternative medicine. Even though the physicians and nurses are board certified as Medical Doctors and RN's or NP's, insurance does not recognize it as necessary medicine BUT is considered like plastic surgery (esthetic medicine) and therefore is not covered by health insurance in most cases.

BioTE Medical, LLC is not associated with any insurance companies, which means the insurance companies are not obligated to pay for these services (blood work, consultations, insertions, or pellets). We require payment at time of service and, if you choose, we will provide a form to send to your insurance company and a receipt showing that you paid out of pocket. WE WILL NOT, however, communicate in any way with insurance companies.

The form and receipt are your responsibility and serve as evidence of your treatment. We will not call, write, pre-certify, or make any contact with your insurance company. Any follow up letters from your insurance company to us will be thrown away. If we receive a check from your insurance company, we will not cash it, but instead return it to the sender. Likewise, we will not mail it to you. We will not respond to any letters or calls from your insurance company.

For patients who have access to a Health Savings Account, you may pay for your treatment with that credit or debit card. This is the best idea for those patients who have a HSA as an option in their medical coverage.

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____