

INFORMED CONSENT FOR COLPOSCOPY/CERVICAL BIOPSY

Before you give your consent, be sure you understand the pros and cons of having a colposcopy. If you have any questions as you read, we will be happy to discuss them. Also, remember that your consent is entirely voluntary. You can change your mind at any time.

As you read, please each section.

COLPOSCOPY

- I understand that colposcopy allows my physician to examine my cervix, vagina or vulvar skin with magnification so that areas of abnormal cell growth can be identified. I am also aware that full evaluation of abnormal areas may be possible with the colposcopy alone, but that biopsy, cell scraping or additional procedures may be needed to identify all the abnormalities present.
- I understand that no test procedure is 100% accurate, and that even colposcopy examination cannot guarantee accurate diagnosis.
- I am aware that there are no medical complications directly caused by colposcopy, but I also realize that it is essential for me to be faithful about follow-up exams to verify the accuracy of my colposcopy results.

CERVICAL BIOPSY

- I understand that the purpose of this biopsy is to remove a small piece of tissue for microscopic examination by a pathologist.
- I understand that possible alternatives to cervical biopsy depend on the specific problem being evaluated. Alternatives might include surgical biopsy (conization) or hysterectomy.
- I understand that during this procedure I may feel cramping or have some minor discomfort, and that I may have light bleeding or spotting for a few days after my biopsy.

CERVICAL BIOPSY (CONTINUED)

- I give permission for my physical to photograph only for comparison in follow-up exams.
(These photos will not be released)

- I understand that infection and bleeding are the primary risks with this procedure, though both are uncommon.

- I understand my responsibility to lower my risk of complications by calling my physician if I develop any of the following danger signs:
 - a) Fever of 100.4 or higher
 - b) Pain
 - c) Unusual vaginal bleeding
 - d) Heavy bleeding

- I understand that I should avoid intercourse, douching and tampons for at least one week to allow my cervix to heal.

- I understand that this procedure cannot guarantee 100% accurate results. Biopsy is, however, the most reliable way to obtain an accurate evaluation of abnormal tissue.

Name (please print)

Signature

Witness

Date