

INFORMATION AND CONSENT FOR GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY

Direct visualization of the digestive tract and abdominal cavity with lighted instruments is referred to as gastrointestinal endoscopy. My physician has advised me of my need to have this type of examination. The following information explains the reasons for, and possible risks of the procedure involved.

At the time of examination, the inside lining of the digestive tract will be inspected thoroughly and possibly photographed/videotaped. If an abnormality is seen or suspected, a small portion of tissue (biopsy) may be removed for microscopic study, or the lining may be brushed and washed with a solution which can be sent for special study for abnormal cells (cytology). Small growths can frequently be completely removed (polypectomy). Occasionally during the examination, a narrow portion of intestine (stricture) will be stretched to a more normal size (dilation).

The principal risks of these procedures are:

- (1) Injury to the digestive tract by the instrument which may result in perforation of the bowel wall with leakage of intestinal juices into body cavities; if this occurs, surgery to close the leak and/or drain the region is usually necessary.
- (2) Bleeding, which; if it occurs, is usually a complication of a biopsy or polypectomy or dilation. Management of this complication may consist only in careful observation or may require a Transfusion or possibly a surgical operation for control.

Other risks include drug reactions and complications from other associated disease which you may have such as a stroke or heart attack. You should inform your physician of all your allergic tendencies and medical problems. All of these complications are possible, but occur with a very low frequency.

A brief description of each endoscopic procedure follows:

Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD)-Examination of the esophagus, stomach, and small intestines just beyond the stomach. (site of most ulcers) Biopsy and cytology specimen collection may be necessary.

Esophagogastroduodenoscopy with sclerotherapy-same as above with injection of medication into bleeding sites to control blood loss. Possible complications include infection and bleeding.

Esophageal Dilation- consists of the passage of various sized dilators (either rubber, mercury-filled, or olive shaped metal dilators passed over a wire) for the purpose of stretching or dilating a stricture to a normal size.

ERCP- Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography-with possible biopsy, endoscopic Sphincterotomy, or stent placement.

EUS-Endoscopic Ultrasonography- w/possible fine needle aspiration, injection of medication or markers.

Peg Tube Placement or removal-Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) is an endoscopic medical procedure in which a tube (PEG tube) is passed into a patient's stomach through the abdominal wall, most commonly to provide a means of feeding when oral intake is not adequate.

I certify that I understand the information regarding Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and that I have been fully informed of the risks and possible complications thereof by my physician. I hereby authorize and permit **Joseph S. Cody, M.D** and whomever he/she may designate as his assistants to perform upon me the following procedure:

Upper panendoscopy and/or ERCP with possible biopsy, cautery, or injection of bleeding lesions or polypectomy

If any unforeseen condition arises during this procedure calling in his judgment for additional procedures, operations, or medication (including anesthesia and blood transfusion), I further request and authorize the physician to perform these.

I also consent to the taking and publication of any photographs in the course of this operation for the purpose of treatment or medical education.

Date: _____

Signed: _____
(By patient or person legally authorized to consent for patient)

Relationship: _____
(Document relationship to patient)

Witness to patient's Signature

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