

Gulf Coast Endoscopy Center of Venice

The following information explains the endoscopic procedures. Please read carefully. If you have any questions, please contact your nurse or physician.

INDICATIONS FOR PROCEDURE: _____

SCHEDULED PROCEDURE: _____

COLONOSCOPY

This is a passage of a flexible fiber optic instrument into the large intestine for a distance of up to 3-6 feet. Prior to the procedure, I understand that I will be given anesthesia medication to relax me. This medication will be administered by an anesthetist. Photographs and biopsies may be obtained, and if there is a polyp, attempts will be made to remove the polyp by snare or electro coagulation. Should an active bleeding site be identified during the procedure, attempts will be made to stop the bleeding by means of injecting chemicals or cauterizing with electrical-like unit. I also understand that there is a small risk of bleeding or perforation of the intestine, which may require hospitalization, transfusion and possibly even surgery. I also understand that occasionally people experience adverse reaction to medication used for the procedure. I also understand there are alternatives to the procedure, for example, x-rays but that they often do not view the colon as well as colonoscopy.

RISKS AND BENEFITS OF ENDOSCOPY IN GENERAL

The purpose, risk, benefits, hazards, costs of these procedures have been explained to my full satisfaction. I understand that there are alternatives to the procedures including gastrointestinal x-rays or exploratory surgery. I recognize, however, that the x-rays frequently do not visualize the digestive tract as well as endoscopic procedures. I recognize that even under the best of circumstances complications may occur despite the skill of the doctor or his assistants. I understand that there is a 5-10% chance that my doctor could miss a significant finding. Potential complications associated with hemorrhoidal banding include but are not limited to: hemorrhage, fever, infection, nausea, urinary retention, stricture formation and obstruction.

The risk of a complication is very small and has been estimated to be anywhere from 1-5 chances out of 1,000. The most common complication is an allergic reaction to the medications. The most serious complication would be bleeding or a tear which would require surgery or blood transfusions. Other complications such as heart attack, stroke, respiratory arrest or pneumonia are exceptionally rare.

I authorize and consent to the presence of technical representative(s), students and observers in the room if my physician approves.

Any tissue removed may be examined, recorded and disposed of by pathology or the facility according to its custom and practice.

TYPE OF ANESTHESIA PROPOSED: _____

I have read and fully understand all of the above, I have been given an opportunity by my doctor to ask any questions that I may have about the procedure(s) and they have been satisfied.

Patient / Guardian Signature

Witness Signature

Physician Signature