



**INFORMED CONSENT FOR  
HYSTEROSCOPY, DILATION AND CURETTAGE (D&C)**

It is very important to Women’s Health Center of Lebanon that you understand and consent to the treatment your doctor is rendering and any procedure your doctor may perform. You should be involved in any and all decisions concerning surgical procedures your doctor has recommended. Sign this form only after you understand the procedure, the anticipated benefits, the risks, the alternatives, the risks associated with the alternatives and all of your questions have been answered. Please initial and date directly below this paragraph indicating your understanding of this paragraph.

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Patient's Initials or Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ and any associate or assistant, to perform a hysteroscopy dilation and curettage (D&C), and also authorize any further procedure which, in his/her judgment, needs to be done because of any unforeseen condition which arises during the procedure.

The doctor has explained the benefits of the procedure(s) to me. However, I understand there is no certainty that I will achieve these benefits and no guarantee has been made to me regarding the outcome of the procedure(s). I also authorize the administration of sedation and/or anesthesia as may be deemed advisable or necessary for my comfort, well being and safety.

**Proposed Procedure:** A **hysteroscopy** is a procedure to see inside the uterus (the womb) using a viewing tube that is inserted into the vagina up through the cervix into the uterus. The **dilation and curettage** procedure is called a D&C. The D stands for dilation, which means dilating or widening of the cervix. Curettage (the C) means scraping. Together, this procedure involves expanding or enlarging the entrance of a woman's uterus so that a thin, sharp instrument can scrape or suction away the lining of the uterus and take tissue samples.

**Risks/Possible Complications:** The doctor has explained to me that there are risks and possible unintended consequences associated with any procedure *including, but not limited to*, adverse reactions to anesthesia (which will be explained to me by the anesthesiologist); bleeding with subsequent need for transfusion; infection of the uterus, tubes, ovaries, or peritoneum (a membrane that supports the abdominal organs) resulting in pelvic inflammatory disease; Asherman’s Syndrome (a reactive formation of scar tissue within the uterus which could result in infertility, pelvic pain, or abnormal bleeding issues); unintended surgical trauma including perforation of the uterus; injury to the bowel, bladder, or other intra-abdominal organs that may result in leakage, obstruction, or fistula formation (a passage or hole that forms between two organs in the body) and may require subsequent surgery for treatment. Other risks include

missed disease, cramps, flatulence or gas pains, chemical or thermal burns or injury, and even death.

In permitting my doctor to perform the procedure(s), I understand that unforeseen conditions may be revealed that may necessitate change or extension of the original procedure(s) or a different procedure(s) than those already explained to me. I therefore authorize and request that the above-named physician, his assistants, or his designees perform such procedure(s) as necessary and desirable in the exercise of his/her professional judgment.

In the unlikely event that one or more of the above inherent complications may occur, my physician(s) will take appropriate and reasonable steps to help manage the clinical situation and be available to me and my family to address our concerns and questions.

**Alternative Procedures:**

The reasonable alternative(s) to the procedure(s) have been explained to me. These alternatives include, but are not limited to: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

I understand the risks associated with the alternatives include, but are not limited to, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby authorize, utilize or dispose of removed tissues, parts or organs resulting from the procedure(s) authorized above.

I consent to any photographing or videotaping of the procedure(s) that may be performed, provided my identity is not revealed by the pictures or by descriptive texts accompanying them, so that my physician may follow my therapy progression. I consent to the admittance of students or authorized equipment representatives to the procedure room for purposes of advancing medical education or obtaining important product information.

By signing below, I certify that I have had an opportunity to ask the doctor all my questions concerning anticipated benefits, material risks, alternative therapies, and risks of those alternatives, and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

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Date    Time    Signature of Patient or Authorized Rep.                      Relationship of Authorized Rep.

- The Patient/Authorized Representative has read this form or had it read to him/her
- The Patient/Authorized Representative states that he/she understands this information
- The Patient/Authorized Representative has no further questions
- The Patient/Authorized Representative has read the form in Spanish.

I certify that I have asked the patient/authorized representative the above questions and her responses were noted above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date                                      Time                                      Signature of Witness

**CERTIFICATION OF PHYSICIAN:**

I hereby certify that I have discussed with the individual granting consent, anticipated benefits, material risks, alternative therapies and the risks associated with the alternatives of the procedure(s).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date                                      Time                                      Signature of Physician

**USE OF INTERPRETER OR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE**

An interpreter or special assistance was used to assist patient in completing this form as follows:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Foreign language (specify)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sign language
- \_\_\_\_\_ Patient is blind, form read to patient
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Interpretation provided by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Fill in name of Interpreter and Title or Relationship to Patient)

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Signature (Individual Providing Assistance)                                      Date                                      Time