

# Augusta Health Care for Women

## Informed Consent for Endometrial Biopsy

I hereby request and authorize (Care Provider) \_\_\_\_\_ to perform upon me the procedure: *endometrial biopsy*.

This procedure involves removing a small piece of endometrium (uterine lining) using a special catheter. A speculum is inserted into the vagina and the cervix is cleansed with an antiseptic solution. A special catheter is then placed into the uterus, and a small piece of the uterine lining is removed via the catheter.

The procedure may be used to diagnose the causes of abnormal uterine bleeding and/or to evaluate conditions that may affect a patient's ability to get pregnant or carry a pregnancy to term.

Risks include: **bleeding, mild/moderate cramping, infection, scarring, failure to diagnose the condition, allergic reaction to antiseptic solution used to cleanse the cervix, disruption of a pregnancy, perforation of the uterus, and/or rarely a pelvic infection.**

Benefits may include: achieving a diagnosis

Alternatives include: not doing the procedure, trial of medical treatment.

I have been advised of the nature and purpose of the proposed surgical procedure(s), the nature of my condition, alternative types of treatment and the prognosis with vs. without treatment.

My signature below certifies that:

1. I have read the above authorization and consent and have been provided the opportunity to ask questions.
2. The proposed procedure(s) including their potential benefits and complication or side effects, problems that may occur during recuperation and the likelihood of achieving expected goals have been explained to me.
3. I understand that I have the right to refuse and medical or surgical procedures or treatment.
4. I certify that I have read and fully understand the above consent and have no further questions which I need answered prior to the procedure.

_____	_____	_____
Patient's Signature	Date/Time	Representative (if minor or incompetent)
_____	_____	
Witness	Date/Time	
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Care Provider Signature	Date/Time	