



CONSENT FORM for **LOOP ELECTROSURGICAL PROCEDURE (LEEP)**

Patient Name _____

The Loop Electrosurgical Procedure (LEEP) is to remove abnormal cells from the cervix which may become cancerous cells. The LEEP removes relatively little normal tissue and plan is to remove the abnormal tissue without destroying it excessively. As a result the abnormal tissue removed by LEEP can be examined in the laboratory. Approximately 95% of patients are cured of their problem after LEEP excision of the abnormal cervical tissue.

There are several advantages of LEEP. The procedure can be performed in the physician's office and only takes ten minutes. There is usually little bleeding after the procedure

Even though the LEEP may have many advantages over other methods of treatment for pre-cancerous lesions, it does not ensure an absolute cure. You should see your physician for frequent follow up examinations during the first three years after the procedure, and have follow up life long. If your PAP smears continue to be abnormal, additional treatment may be necessary.

During the procedure the cervix will be checked with a colposcope, which is an instrument with a magnifying glass used for examination. The cervix will be numbed with a local anesthetic which contains Lidocaine and Epinephrine. Occasionally this may give you palpitation, cause dizziness or a funny taste in your mouth.

Then the abnormal tissue is removed with a thin wire loop that cuts through the tissue, but because of the numbing medicine you do not feel that. Cautery is also used to prevent excessive bleeding. The entire procedure takes about 10 minutes to complete. You may experience some mild cramping during the LEEP and for several hours after the procedure.

There are **risks or complications** possible with a LEEP procedure including, but not limited to:

- Heavy bleeding. Bleeding can last up to 2-4 weeks
- Infection of the cervix or uterus
- Damage to the cervix - stenosis (tightening) in 2-6% of patients
- Damage to the cervix - incompetence (weakening and opening)
- The above can have an effect on future pregnancies with possible increase in risk of early delivery which can have serious consequences for the baby. There might be an increase in chance of caesarian section also.
- Damage to surrounding tissues (such as vagina, bladder or bowel). It is very important not to move during the procedure as that can increase the risk of damage to the surrounding tissue.

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After the procedure you may have a brownish-black vaginal discharge, which last up to two weeks. If you have cramping Ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil) and Acetaminophen (Tylenol) is usually sufficient. You can return to work the next day. You should not have intercourse or use tampons for four weeks. Heavy lifting or vigorous exercise should be avoided for two weeks.

A **follow up appointment** should be scheduled for 4-6 weeks after the LEEP procedure.

Contact your physician immediately to report any of the following problems:

- Spotting or bleeding that lasts longer than 2-4 weeks
- Heavy bleeding with clots
- Severe abdominal pain
- Fever
- Vaginal discharge with a foul smell

The nature of the procedure and the reason for performing it have been explained to me.

I have read the above description of the electrosurgical excision procedure. I am aware that other unexpected risks or complications not discussed may occur and that no guarantees or promises were made concerning the results of any procedure or treatment. I am also aware that during the course of the proposed procedure, unforeseen conditions may be revealed requiring the performance of additional procedures.

I have had the opportunity to ask any questions of my doctor and have received acceptable answers to my questions.

I consent to the LEEP procedure.

Patient Signature _____ Date _____

Physician Signature _____