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INFORMED CONSENT FOR UPPER ENDOSCOPY

1. I,_____authorize Dr. _____ and any assistant(s) he/she deems necessary to perform Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopy to include biopsy with possible dilatation of stricture, coagulation/injection therapy of blood vessels or tissue, and_____.

2. I understand this procedure involves the following: Passage of digital optic instrument to allow the physician to visualize the esophagus, stomach and upper small intestine. Sedation and pain relieving medication(s) may be given to minimize discomfort and relax me for the procedure. These medications may cause localized irritation and/or a drug reaction may occur.

3. RISKS: Possible complications of this procedure include but are not limited to: Bleeding, infection or perforation of the esophagus, stomach or small intestines. These complications (estimated at 1 per 10,000 procedures), should they occur may require surgery, hospitalization and/or a transfusion. Other risks which can be serious and possibly fatal include: difficulty breathing, heart attack, stroke or aspiration. These risks are extremely rare but may occur.

4. I understand that there are no guarantees regarding the results of this procedure. Alternatives are: _____.

5. I have read and fully understand this consent form, and understand I should not sign this form if all items, including all of my questions, have not been explained or answered to my satisfaction or if I do not understand any of the terms or words contained in this consent form. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AS TO THE RISKS OR HAZARDS OF THE PROPOSED PROCEDURE OR TREATMENT, **ASK YOUR PHYSICIAN NOW, BEFORE SIGNING THIS CONSENT FORM. DO NOT SIGN UNLESS YOU HAVE READ AND THOROUGHLY UNDERSTAND THIS FORM**.

_____	_____	_____
Witness	Patient/Responsible Party	Date/Time

7. PHYSICIAN DECLARATION: I have explained the contents of this document to the patient and have answered all the patients' questions. To the best of my knowledge, I feel the patient has been adequately informed and has consented.

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Physician's Signature	Date/Time