

# CANADIAN PLACE ENDOSCOPY

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## INFORMED CONSENT

PATIENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## COLONOSCOPY PROCEDURE

**Why you are here:** Your physician has recommended that a colonoscopy procedure be performed. Kindly read and sign this informed consent, if you have any questions, our team of healthcare professionals will be happy to answer them.

**Purpose of the Colonoscopy:** A colonoscopy is performed to look for abnormalities in your large bowel with a long flexible medical instrument (a colonoscope) using video camera imaging. This procedure is done to look for and remove polyps (abnormal growths that can become cancer).

**The Colonoscopy Procedure & What to Expect:** The colonoscopy procedure will take place in the Procedure room with the Physician, Registered Nurse and Anesthesiologist available to you. Sedation will be provided to minimize any discomfort you may have as a result of the procedure. An IV solution will be given to ensure you remain hydrated and to allow the physician to administer the sedation that will make you sleepy and relaxed. Once sedation is administered, the physician will insert the colonoscope into your rectum and begin the examination of the bowel lining. The physician may remove any polyps that are seen. The procedure itself takes up to 30 minutes but you will be at the clinic for approximately 2 hours. Once the examination is complete, you will be under the care of a registered nurse until you recover from the sedation. The recovery nurse is available to you at all times and the physician will discharge you once you are ready to leave.

### Possible Complications:

- **BOWEL PREPARATION:** Dehydration can occur with the bowel preparation. Drinking lots of fluids with electrolytes (like sports drinks) and water reduces the chance of dehydration and associated risks.
- **DRUG REACTION:** It is possible that you may have a reaction to the drugs administered, although it may be mild, in the form of hives, rash, or itching at the IV sight.
- **PERFORATION:** Puncture of the colon lining is very rare (1:1000). If it occurs, surgery and hospitalization will be required.
- **BLEEDING:** Bleeding can occur as a result of polyp removal. Most often the bleeding stops within a few days.
- **MISSED ABNORMALITIES:** Some polyps or abnormalities might be missed. The risk is significantly higher if the bowel is not cleaned properly through the bowel prep.

**What to expect After the Colonoscopy Procedure:** Any polyps removed will be sent to a Lab for investigation. Your procedure report and lab reports are sent to your family doctor. You will be discharged with a Report Card of the procedure for your reference and any follow-up information you require. You will be given a post-procedure instruction sheet outlining any physical symptoms you may have as a result of the exam.

I have read the information provided above and fully understand and consent to having the colonoscopy procedure at Canadian Place Endoscopy.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Witness name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**KINDLY BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU TO YOUR APPOINTMENT**