

Laparoscopic Tubal Ligation Consent Form

Patient Name:

Date of Birth: _____

Guardian Name (if applicable):

Patient ID: _____

Washington State law guarantees that you have both the right and the obligation to make decisions regarding your health care. Your physician can provide you with the necessary information and advice, but as a member of the health care team, you must participate in the decision making process. This form acknowledges your consent to treatment recommended by your physician.

1 **MY PROCEDURE**

I hereby give my consent for Dr. _____ to perform a **Laparoscopic Tubal Ligation** upon me. I understand the procedure is to be performed at the First Hill Surgery Center. This has been recommended to me by my physician in order to **induce permanent, irreversible sterilization**.

I understand that the procedure or treatment can be described as follows:
During tubal ligation, a small incision is made in the abdomen and a thin, lighted tube (laparoscope) is then put through the incision to look at the organs and/or abdominal area. An instrument attached to the scope is used to either cauterize (burn) the tubes or to apply permanent clips to block them. A laser may be attached to the laparoscope to help with the procedure.

General Anesthesia or sedation may be required for this procedure and will be administered by a qualified anesthesiologist or designated healthcare provider.

2 **MY BENEFITS**

Some potential benefits of this procedure include:

- Permanent, irreversible sterilization

Please note: While a laparoscopic tubal ligation is often an effective method for sterilization, it is **not** 100% effective at preventing pregnancies and has a failure rate of 3 per 1,000.

3 **MY RISKS**

*I understand that there are **potential risks, complications and side effects** associated with any surgical procedure. Although it is impossible to list all of them, I have been informed of some of the possible risks, complications and side effects of this procedure.*

These could include but may not be limited to the following:

- Bleeding from the incision; infection; or damage to organs and/or pelvic structures which may require further surgery to repair.

Some of these risks, complications and side effects are not serious or do not happen frequently. Although these risks, complications and side effects may occur only very rarely, they do sometimes occur and cannot be predicted or prevented by the physician performing the procedure.

4 **TISSUE DISPOSAL/PATHOLOGY**

Any tissue or specimen may be disposed of in accordance with accustomed practice; or specimen sent to pathology for evaluation in agreement with my designated healthcare provider.

5 MY CONSENT

Although most procedures have good results, I understand that **no guarantee** has been made to me about the results of this procedure or the occurrence of any risks, complications and side effects.

I recognize that during the course of treatment, unforeseeable conditions may require **additional treatment or procedures**.

I request and authorize my physician and other qualified medical personnel to perform such treatment or procedures **as required**.

I have chosen to undergo this procedure after considering the **alternative forms of diagnosis and/or treatment** for my condition including no treatment or other procedures or tests. Alternatives to this procedure may include, but are not limited to other forms of birth control. These alternative forms of treatment have their own potential risks, benefits and possible complications.

I certify that I have read or had read to me the contents of this form and will follow any patient instructions related to this procedure.

I understand the potential risks, complications and side effects involved with the proposed **Laparoscopic Tubal Ligation** and have decided to proceed after considering the possibility of both known and unknown risks, complications, side effects and alternatives to this procedure.

I have had the opportunity to ask questions and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I consent to the above procedures as deemed necessary or appropriate by my physician or credentialed provider.

Patient Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ **Time:** _____

Patient is unable to consent because _____. I therefore consent for the patient.
 Authorized Consenter's Signature: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____
 Printed Name: _____ Relationship to Patient: _____

Mark this box if telephone consent

Witness Name: _____
 PRINT NAME

Witness Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ **Time:** _____

By my signature below I attest to the fact that I explained the procedure to the patient.

Physician Name: _____
 PRINT NAME

Physician Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ **Time:** _____