

INFORMED CONSENT FOR HEMORRHOID LIGATION

Explanation of Procedure

Using a disposable suction device, a tiny rubber band is placed around the internal hemorrhoid to cut off its blood supply. The hemorrhoid then shrinks and then falls off within about two days along with the rubber band. The procedure is usually painless and most patients require no recovery time. Ligation is helpful for internal hemorrhoid bleeding or prolapse.

Principle Risks and Complications of Hemorrhoid Ligation

As with any medical procedure, there are certain infrequently occurring risks associated with hemorrhoid ligation. These include:

Pain requiring medication

Bleeding which can be serious

Short-term Urinary difficulties

Thrombosis (clots) forming in internal or external hemorrhoid tissue

Infection at the site and in surrounding tissues which could be serious enough to require hospitalization and/or surgery and even death

Alternatives to Hemorrhoid Ligation

Other methods available to manage internal hemorrhoids are limited and include primarily surgical options. Lifestyle changes including fiber therapy, focus on hydration, exercise, and avoidance of straining on the toilet can be tried. Topical treatment or suppositories are sometimes helpful.

I authorize and request that *James A. Schoenecker, Jr., M.D.* perform the above stated procedure. I am aware that the practice of medicine and surgery is not an exact science. I acknowledge that no guarantees have been made to me concerning the result of this procedure.

Patient or Legally Authorized Representative

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Signature

James A. Schoenecker, Jr., M.D.

Translator/Relationship to Patient

Date: _____

Time: _____

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