



CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY CONSENT FORM

Your doctor has organised for you to have a capsule Endoscopy test. This test is sometimes referred to as a Pillcam.

The test is painless and generally very well tolerated. It involves you swallowing a small capsule the size of a large vitamin tablet. The capsule contains a camera that takes photos of the intestines. The capsule sends these photos to a recorder which you wear on your belt during the study. At the end of the day, the pictures are put onto a computer and can be reviewed by your doctor. There is no anaesthetic or sedation involved.

While the test is successful in the majority of patients there are some important things you need to know.

1. In about 20% of people (2 in every 10 patients) the capsule does not reach the large intestine before the end of the procedure. This means that there is some intestine that has not been photographed and so it is impossible to be sure that something has not been missed.
2. In less than 1% (1 in 100 patients) there is an unrecognized narrowing in the intestine which causes the capsule to get stuck. Whilst this is usually painless, it may mean that the capsule needs to be retrieved by gastroscopy, colonoscopy or even on occasion an operation.
3. The capsule contains metal and so you should avoid tests such as an MRI scan that can interact with metal until you are sure the capsule has passed.
4. The capsule sends the pictures to the recorder via an electronic signal. We therefore suggest that people with heart pacemakers should not undergo this investigation.

I have read the above information and give my consent for the procedure to be undertaken.

Date:

Print Patient Name: **Signature:**

Print Witness Name: **Signature:**