You, in consultation with your physician, have decided to undergo a procedure that requires anesthesia. Your anesthesia provider has explained your anesthetic options, medically acceptable alternatives, and the substantial and material risks and benefits of the proposed anesthesia. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU, THE PATIENT, READ THIS CONSENT FORM CAREFULLY (or have it read to you) and that you ask questions about any information that you may not fully understand.

**MAC (MONITORED ANESTHESIA CARE) IV ANESTHESIA WITH/WITHOUT SEDATION:** Your anesthesia provider will monitor you and may provide ***sedation*** by administering intravenous (injected through a catheter into your bloodstream) drugs to calm your anxiety and produce a semi- conscious state. Your level of sedation may vary from light to deep, depending on your response to the medications and your clinical needs. The intended plan for anesthesia is Deep Sedation.Deep Sedationis a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which you cannot be easily aroused. While receiving anesthesia with or without sedation, you may be aware of your surroundings, may be able to hear and respond to your medical providers and/or may remember some or all of the procedure. Although rare, your level of sedation may unintentionally progress to general anesthesia, depending on your response to the medications given. Rarely, MAC cannot provide adequate relief or the medications used to sedate you may severely depress (lower) your breathing or slow your heart rate, requiring use of general anesthesia.

**GENERAL ANESTHESIA:** General anesthesia involves the use of intravenous (injected through a catheter into your bloodstream) medications to achieve a total unconscious state. This may involve the use of a breathing tube, which is inserted through your mouth or nose into the windpipe to ensure proper breathing while you are unconscious.

All forms of anesthesia involve some risks. No guarantees or promises can be made that you will not suffer a side effect or complication from your anesthesia. The determination of what type(s) of anesthesia are best for you depend on many factors including your physical condition, the type of procedure you are undergoing and the preferences of you and your physician. Rare, unexpected and *severe complications* can occur with all forms of anesthesia, including *infection; drug or allergic reactions; nerve injury with loss of sensation or function; paralysis; stroke; bleeding; blood clots; damage to liver, kidney, lungs; heart attack; brain damage and even death.* Common side effects and specific complications of particular types of anesthesia include, but are not limited to those identified below.

**Risks and common side effects of sedation/anesthesia include:**

* Nausea and/or vomiting
* Mild to moderate decreases in blood pressure and/or heart rate
* Injuries to the mouth, lips and surrounding areas
* Aspiration (inhaling stomach contents into the lungs), asthma attacks, and pneumonia (lung infection and/or swelling)
* Convulsion/seizure
* Swelling, tenderness, bleeding and bruising at injection site
* Infection, swelling or other damage to blood vessels
* Soreness of the throat and hoarseness
* Nodules, polyps, or other damage to the vocal cords or windpipe
* Esophageal injury from gastric (stomach) tubes and/or esophageal dilators
* Rarely, there can be awareness under anesthesia and dreams during anesthesia may be confused with recall of real events.

**Teeth and dental prosthetics (such as dental implants, veneers, caps, crowns, and bridges) may become loose, broken, or dislodged, regardless of the care provided. By signing this consent, you are acknowledging that neither your anesthesia providers, physician, the facility, nor the company employing or engaging the anesthesia providers will be responsible for any dental damage or repair costs.**

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In order to minimize the possibility of aspiration, the patient is required not to eat or drink anything for a period of time before the procedure. It is extremely important not to eat or drink anything during this time because aspiration of food or stomach contents can lead to severe pneumonia, respiratory failure, and death.

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**Independent Practitioners:** Anesthesia services are being provided by Maryland Endoscopy Anesthesia.

I understand and agree that the anesthesia providers who furnish services to me are independent practitioners exercising their independent clinical judgment. They **are not employees** **or representatives (agents)** of the surgery center.

I understand that the administration of anesthesia will be supplied by, or under the direction and responsibility of, the anesthesia providers, which may include anesthesiologists, certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs).

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By signing below, I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have read this consent form (or had it read to me) and that my anesthesia provider has fully explained it to me. I have had the opportunity to ask questions, all of which were answered to my satisfaction. I understand the intended anesthesia plan of care is Deep Sedation. I understand my anesthetic options, alternatives, and the substantial and material risks and benefits of the proposed anesthesia. **I do hereby consent** to the administration of my chosen anesthesia, or changes to the plan as may be considered necessary or advisable.

**I attest that I am 18 years of age or older, my judgment is not impaired by any legal or illegal substance, and I am signing this consent of my own free will and have not been forced by any person to consent to this procedure.**

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Signature of Patient or Witness’ Signature Date/Time

Authorized Patient Representative

**Anesthesia Statement**

I certify that I have explained to the patient (parent/Authorized Representative) the anesthesia options and medically acceptable alternatives, the material or substantial risks and benefits (both short and long-term) and have allowed the patient (Parent/Authorized Representative) to ask questions.

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Signature of Anesthesia Provider Date/Time