

FLEXIBLE SIGMOIDOSCOPY WITH BIOPSY INFORMATION AND CONSENT

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Your provider has recommended this procedure to investigate the nature of any problems affecting the lower part of your colon. The flexible sigmoidoscope is gently introduced into the rectum and steered up the colon. You will feel some pressure, a feeling of “gas” and occasionally some cramps but should **not** experience pain. The procedure takes about 10 minutes. If any abnormal tissue is seen it can be biopsied (take a piece of tissue) through the sigmoidoscope. Since the doctor or nurse endoscopist is looking at the lining of the colon, a good clean-out is essential. Follow the directions about using the laxatives and enemas.

The **benefits** of the procedure include but are not limited to:

1. Aid in the diagnosis of disease affecting the lower part of the colon.
2. Ability to biopsy abnormal tissue through the scope.

The **risks** of the procedure are infrequent and include, but are not limited to:

1. Making a tear or hole in the wall of the colon, possibly requiring surgery to correct.
2. Bleeding – possibly requiring surgery to correct.
3. Infection.

If you have any further questions about the procedure, the doctor or nurse endoscopist will be happy to answer them for you.

Your signature indicates that you have read and understand the above information and that you want the doctor or nurse endoscopist to do the procedure.

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PATIENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

IF SIGNED BY OTHER THAN PATIENT INDICATE RELATIONSHIP