

CONSENT FOR UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY

Endoscopy involves the inspection of the oesophagus, stomach and duodenum using a flexible fiberoptic instrument. Small specimens of the bowel mucosa (biopsies) are usually taken during the procedure.

The incidence of serious complications related to this diagnostic procedure is very low (1 in 1000 procedures). The main complications are haemorrhage, perforation or anaesthetic complications. If you have serious heart or chest problems special precautions need to be taken to reduce any possible risk.

Endoscopy has a high degree of accuracy in picking up gastrointestinal pathology. However no examination modality is perfect and there remains a small risk that significant lesions may be missed at upper endoscopy.

Sedation is given prior to the examination to minimize any discomfort and allow full views for the endoscopist. Your short-term memory will be impaired following this procedure, therefore you are advised not to drive a car, operate heavy machinery, sign legal documents or return to work until the following day.

**Death is a remote possibility with any interventional procedure.
A number of rare side effects may occur with any endoscopic procedure.**

If you have any reservations or wish to discuss the matter further please inform the Sister-in-Charge before your procedure.

I hereby agree to have an Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopy performed and declare that I have read and understood the above

ID Label

Signature.....

Date.....Witness.....