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**Consent for laparoscopic surgery**

The doctor has explained that I have the following condition:

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The following procedure will be performed:

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Several small incisions will be made on the abdomen and the surgery will be performed through tubes placed in these small incisions. Some procedures require an additional slightly larger incision to remove tissue (such as the kidney or prostate).

If checked, a hand assisted laparoscopic procedure is planned. This technique involves an additional 2.5 to 3 inch incision.

There are risks from undergoing general anesthesia. If you have any concerns, talk these over with your anesthesiologist. The risks include:

- a) Small areas of the lungs may collapse, increasing the risk of chest infection. This may need antibiotics and other breathing treatments.
- b) Clots in the legs with pain and swelling. Rarely part of this clot may break off and go to the lungs which can be fatal.
- c) A heart attack because of strain on the heart or a stroke.
- d) Death is possible due to the procedure.

There are some risks/complications from laparoscopic procedures, which include:

- a) Damage to internal blood vessels which sometimes require traditional open surgery to repair
- b) Damage to intestines or other internal organs
- c) Incisional hernia formation or opening of incisions (dehiscence) during the postoperative period.
- d) Bleeding requiring blood transfusion during or after surgery
- e) Possible conversion to standard open surgery is sometimes but rarely necessary to successfully complete the surgery
- f) Increased risk in obese people of wound infection, chest infection, heart and lung complications and thrombosis.
- g) Increased risk in smokers of wound and chest infections, heart and lung complications and thrombosis.

The doctor has explained any significant risks and problems specific to me, and the likely outcomes if complications occur. The doctor has also explained relevant treatment options as well as the risks of not having the procedure.

**I have read and understand the above:**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_