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**PATIENT CONSENT TO PROCEDURE -
LATERAL SPHINCTEROTOMY**

Date _____ Time _____ A.M. _____ P.M.

1. I give permission to Dr. _____, hereafter referred to as the physician, and the assistants he/she may select to treat the conditions which are believed to be present as indicated by his/her best judgment and the diagnostic tests already performed: **anorectal pain**.

2. The procedures necessary to treat my condition have been explained to my satisfaction by the physician and I understand them to be: **exam under anesthesia with possible percutaneous lateral internal sphincterotomy (cutting one of the muscles that controls the anus)**.

3. During my operation, unexpected conditions may be found which require a change in the planned procedure. I authorize my physician to request consultation, if he/she believes it is necessary, and perform the surgical procedures that he/she deems advisable.

4. I have been informed of certain risks and possible consequences associated with the procedures listed in Paragraph 2. These include, but are not limited to: **bleeding, infection, injury to nearby structures, wound complications, incontinence of stool or flatus (leaking stool or gas)**.

5. I am aware of other risks such as severe bleeding, the need for blood transfusion(s), heart irregularity or stoppage, etc. Any complication may require a prolonged hospitalization, a modified incision or additional surgery.

6. I am aware that the practice of medicine and surgery is not an exact science and I acknowledge that no guarantees have been made to me concerning the results of my operation or procedure.

7. I consent to the disposal by hospital authorities of any tissue or body parts which may be removed at operation.

8. I authorize my physician to make video recordings for my medical record, for purposes of medical research, or for education as he/she deems advisable.

9. I authorize the admittance of those observers to the Operating Room who are approved by my physician.

10. I am aware that I may ask any desired questions about these procedures but do not wish to request further explanation at this time.

11. I have been informed by my physician to alternatives to the above proposed procedure.

12. Other: _____

Signature of Patient or Guardian _____ Date/Time _____

Relationship to Patient _____

Signature of Witness _____ Date/Time _____

Signature of Physician _____ Date/Time _____