

TEXAS VEINS
INFORMED CONSENT: IRC/ULTROID

PATIENT:
DOB:
PHYSICIAN: Dr. Franklin

This form is designed to document that you understand the information regarding your hemorrhoid problem, including the potential risks and benefits of treating and not treating your condition. This information is presented so that you can make an informed decision regarding your condition and your options.

Infrared Coagulation is a safe and effective non surgical treatment for hemorrhoids. A small probe contacts the area above the hemorrhoid and exposes the tissue to a quick burst of infrared light. This coagulates the veins as they enter the hemorrhoid causing it to shrink and recede. Treatment is well tolerated. You may feel a momentary sensation of heat, but this is generally not painful. The procedure is performed in the office and requires no special preparation. The procedure can require 3-6 visits, with a different area of the hemorrhoid(s) treated each time. Each visit takes only a few minutes and you can resume normal activities immediately after the procedure. Side effects of IRC may include temporary discomfort and spotting of blood, and rarely, treatment failure.

As with all medical treatments, the realistic goal is improvement, not perfection. Possible complications of not treating you hemorrhoids may include a worsening of the condition and symptoms. Left untreated, hemorrhoids can cause anal itching, pain with and between bowel movements, bleeding, soiling, and protrusion. Because of the chronic nature of the condition, even after successful treatment, it is possible to form new hemorrhoids in the future.

Other treatment options are available. Patients with hemorrhoids can sometimes get temporary relief from over-the-counter remedies, which may include salves, suppositories, cooling wipes, or sitz baths. Hemorrhoids can also be removed with rubber band ligation or a traditional surgical hemorrhoidectomy. Risks of these procedures can include significant pain, bleeding, infection, and prolonged downtime.

You will be given instruction on what to expect after treatment. If you experience a problem after treatment, or if you have any questions, please contact our office.

If you have rectal bleeding, you need to have a colonoscopy to make sure the bleeding is not coming from a cause other than hemorrhoids such as colon polyps or cancer. Rectal bleeding is often not a serious problem, but it should always be assumed to be serious until proven otherwise. You will be referred to a specialist that can perform this important test.

By signing below, I acknowledge I have read the above information and have been informed of the benefits and risks of treatment, the alternative treatment options, and the risks of not treating my condition. I also acknowledge I have been given ample opportunity to ask questions about my condition. I hereby consent to treatment.

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