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### Colposcopy

Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ has advised you to undergo a test called colposcopy. This is a type of examination in which the doctor looks through a microscope to examine the cervix. The cervix is a part of the womb. The purpose of the test is to make sure that no early type of cancer is present. If Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ sees area of the cervix that looks suspicious, he/she will take a biopsy or a specimen of the tissue and have it examined further. This colposcopy test is not treatment for any disease; it is just an examination.

Although the patient is placed in an awkward position for the colposcopy test; usually very little or no discomfort or pain is felt. If there is any cramping pain, it generally subsides rapidly.

The test is quite safe and complications from it are very unusual. Bleeding and infection are uncommon complications of colposcopy when a biopsy is taken. In very rare cases, bleeding and infection from the test have resulted in the need for surgery. Allergic reactions to one of the substances used in the test are very uncommon. In very rare instances, allergic reactions have caused death.

The colposcopy test is a reasonably safe and accurate method of diagnosing cancer of the cervix in the early stages. In those women in whom the test is indicated, the procedure may provide the best chance of a successful diagnosis, and the lowest risk of complication.

I have read or have had read to me the information in this form. I understand the risks and alternatives involved in this procedure. I have had the opportunity to ask any questions I may have had, and all of my questions have been answered.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed by parent or person legally authorized to sign for patient

Physician \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_