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INFORMED CONSENT: BIOPSY OF VULVA, DESTRUCTION OF LESION OF VULVA

I hereby request and authorize Dr. Jeri Shuster to perform upon me the procedure: biopsy of vulva, single or multiple biopsies of vulva, destruction of lesion(s).

This procedure involves taking skin sample or samples from the skin of the external genitals. It may be accomplished by electrical excision, loop electrical excision procedure (LEEP) or by scalpel excision without electricity. Destruction of lesions can be accomplished by application of caustic (burning) chemicals, electrosurgery, or cryosurgery (freezing). There may be an option of biopsy with removal of tissue sample vs. destruction without tissue sample.

The procedure may be used to diagnose infectious, inflammatory, pre-malignant, malignant, or other conditions affecting the genital skin.

Risks include: bleeding, infection, burn injury, pain, scarring, failure to diagnose or cure the underlying condition, persistence or recurrence of the condition. To reduce risk of infection, after the procedure keep the area as clean and dry as possible. Wash three times each day with lukewarm water and mild soap. Dry by gently dabbing with a soft towel or carefully use a blow dryer on the cool setting. Follow each wash/dry with antibacterial ointment (such as Neosporin or Bacitracin). You may also place antibiotic ointment onto cotton balls (not cosmetic puffs) to cover the wounds during urination or bowel movements.

Benefits may include achieving a diagnosis and/or alleviating symptoms.

Alternatives include: not doing the procedure, trial of medical treatment, laser treatment.

I have been advised of the nature and purpose of the proposed surgical procedure(s), the nature of my condition, alternative types of treatment and the prognosis with vs. without treatment.

I have been given ample time to make my decision to undergo this procedure. I have been given the opportunity to consult with other physicians concerning my condition and the treatment if I so desire.

I understand that circumstances could arise during the course of treatment which could necessitate the performance of operations and procedures which are different from, or in addition to, those now contemplated. I am aware that the practice of medicine and surgery are not exact sciences and that there are risks and complications associated with this procedure. The possibility of severe blood loss, infection, injury, and cardiac arrest could be associated with this procedure. I authorize my physician or her assistants to perform additional procedures which, in their judgment, are incidentally necessary to carry out my treatment.

I authorize the emergency administration of blood or blood products.

I consent to the taking of intra-operative photographs.

I authorize the examination by an authorized individual of any tissue or sample removed from my body as a result of the procedure(s) as well as disposal of same.

I understand that I have the right to refuse any medical or surgical procedures or treatment.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE CONSENT AND HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WHICH I NEED ANSWERED PRIOR TO THE PROCEDURE AND THAT ALL THE BLANKS ON THIS FORM HAVE BEEN FILLED IN.

Patient / Guardian Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date

Jeri Shuster MD / Kathryn Cervi CRNP

Date