

Consent Form

Capsule Endoscopy



What is a PillCam?

Capsule endoscopy is an effective procedure to visualize the small bowel. The procedure involves the patient swallowing the capsule, which travels through the digestive tract and is then excreted. Images are captured as the capsule is digested and are stored on a receiver the patient carries during the procedure. After returning the recording device to the clinic, the physician will review the images.

What is the capsule?

The capsule is the size of a large vitamin pill (11mm x 24mm) and contains a color camera, batteries and light source. The capsule captures images at three frames per second for at least 11 hours.

Intended for patients with:

- ✓ Iron deficiency anaemia and suspected obscure gastrointestinal bleeding
- ✓ Diagnosis of early or suspected small bowel Crohn's disease
- ✓ Detection of benign or malignant small intestinal tumors
- ✓ Abdominal pain, severe diarrhea and weight loss
- ✓ suspected mal-absorption disorder such as celiac disease

Not intended for patients:

- With known or suspected gastrointestinal tract obstructions, perforations, strictures or fistula
- Who have difficulty swallowing or with slow or delayed digestion
- Who are pregnant
- Who have epilepsy, heart disease or diverticulosis of the small bowel

The test is painless and generally very well tolerated. It involves you swallowing a small capsule the size of a large vitamin tablet. The capsule contains a camera that takes photos of the intestines. The capsule sends these photos to a receiver which you wear across your body for the day. The pictures are put onto a computer for your doctor to review. There is no anaesthetic or sedation involved.

Important information:

- About 20% of cases the capsule does not reach the large intestine before the end of the procedure. This means that there is some intestine that has not been photographed.
- Less than 1% of patients there is an unrecognized narrowing in the intestine which causes the capsule to get stuck. Whilst this is usually painless, it may mean that the capsule needs to be retrieved by either a gastroscopy, colonoscopy or even on occasion an operation.
- The capsule contains metal and so you should avoid tests such as an MRI scan, that can interact with metal until you are sure the capsule has passed.
- The capsule sends the pictures to the recorder via an electronic signal.

There is a non-rebatable 'Facility Fee' of \$250 payable on the day of the procedure. The residual amount will be sent directly to Medicare on your behalf.

I have read the above information and have been given the opportunity to discuss the procedure with the doctor. I understand I can cancel the procedure at any time if I am not happy to proceed. I request the procedure now be undertaken.

Patient

Witness

Name: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____