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Speculoscopy

IF YOU HAVE HAD A HYSTERECTOMY CIRCLE (NO) AND SIGN

Dear Patient:

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE NOTICE BEFORE CHOOSING AN OPTION

For over 50 years, the Pap smear has been used in the practice of gynecology to detect abnormalities of the cervix. One limitation of the traditional Pap smear is that it may not detect early changes in the cervix that may lead to cancer. In fact, it only detects about 70% of cervical cancer and its immediate precursors. Early detection followed by appropriate treatment is important in successful therapy for cervical cancer.

Speculoscopy is a test that combines the traditional Pap smear with an enhanced ability to view the cervix with a disposable light for vaginal illumination during a routine exam. The advantage of a Speculoscopy is that it significantly improves the ability to detect cervical abnormalities that a pap smear may miss.

Because Speculoscopy is not covered by insurance, there will be a fee of **\$50.00** if you decide to have this test as part of your routine checkup today. This fee will cover the cost of the light and exam. The Speculoscopy is an **optional** test and is done **in addition to** the routine Pap smear that is done during the annual exam.

You and/or your insurance company will still be responsible for the cost of the traditional Pap smear.

Payment:

Please indicate, by circling **YES** or **NO**, whether or not you are interested in having the Speculoscopy.

YES – I authorize my physician to do the Speculoscopy together with my traditional Pap smear, and I accept the financial responsibility for the Speculoscopy.

NO – I choose not to have the Speculoscopy, or **I have had a hysterectomy.**

Name (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____