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## GASTROSCOPY CONSENT FORM

Gastroscopy is a procedure used to view the upper intestinal tract including the oesophagus, stomach and duodenum using an instrument called endoscope; a thin flexible tube with a small camera and light source attached to its tip.

Gastroscopy is performed under sedation, usually as a day only procedure. You will be asked to fast for a period of time before the procedure. While you are asleep, the endoscope is gently advanced for your doctor to view the stomach and small bowel. Biopsies maybe taken and sent for analysis.

Gastroscopy is used to determine the cause of abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, swallowing difficulties, gastric reflux, unexplained weight loss, anaemia or bleeding in the upper digestive tract. It is also used to remove foreign objects (including food), treat conditions such as bleeding ulcers and to biopsy tissue.

There are rare risks of bleeding or perforation with gastroscopy, or problems with sedation anaesthesia. These risks are very small. Your doctor will review you immediately after the procedure.

Please arrange for a friend or family member to pick you up after the test and stay with you overnight. You cannot drive home on the day of you test. To drive home after sedation anaesthesia is illegal and will invalidate your insurance. If you are concerned about this, please discuss it with us before the test.

At Peninsula Gastroenterology, we make every effort to provide you with a thorough and safe procedure. Our results are regularly reviewed to ensure quality. We genuinely care about your outcome. If you have any further queries, we are happy to make an appointment for you at the office, on (02) 9997-2164.

**I have received and understood the preparation instructions provided.**

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