



# COLOLAVAGE<sup>SM</sup> CONSENT FORM

## **DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURE**

ColoLAVAGE<sup>sm</sup> is the combination of a low-volume colonoscopy oral preparation and a specialized colon hydro-therapy session, which entails a colon therapist inserting a disposable speculum into the rectum via the anus. The speculum is connected to a long disposable plastic tube that is connected to the colon hydro-therapy unit, which controls the release of warmed, filtered water into the large intestine. The water gently softens the feces in addition to causing the muscles of the colon to contract, called peristalsis, "pushing" the feces out through the tubing to be disposed of in a closed waste system.

## SIDE EFFECTS AND SAFETY OF COLON HYDRO-THERAPY

People with certain conditions should NOT have a colonic unless given prior approval from their physician. These conditions include: pregnancy, acute diverticulitis, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, painful hemorrhoids, painful anal fissure, congestive heart failure, severe anemia, kidney failure, on dialysis, and acute prostatitis.

### COMPLICATIONS

Possible complications, which are similar to the risks of a colonoscopy, are perforation, electrolyte imbalance, allergic reactions, or infections.

### PATIENT'S CONSENT

I have been made aware of the potential benefits, side effects, and complications of colon hydrotherapy. I am aware that the practice of medicine is not an exact science and I acknowledge that no guarantees or assurances have been made to me concerning the results or outcomes of the above procedure.

Patient' signature

Date

Patient' printed name