

**Consent for D&C**

**Name of Proposed Surgery:**  
D&C - Dilation and Curettage

- Diagnosis:**
- Incomplete Abortion
  - Missed Abortion
  - Abnormal Vaginal Bleeding

**Nature and Purpose of Proposed Treatment:**  
A D&C is a surgical procedure that is done in order to remove tissue from the inside of the uterus. This is done in the hospital, usually under general anesthesia. It is usually a short-stay operation, meaning patients can go home the same day of surgery. When the patient is asleep, the legs are placed in stirrups and the operation is done through the vagina. Retractors are used to visualize the cervix. The cervix is then dilated. The contents of the uterus are then removed either by scraping or by using a suction tubing.

- Risks and Consequences of the Procedure:**
- Risks of all Surgery:
- a. Injury to blood vessels with excessive bleeding, which might require transfusion or re-operation
  - b. Infection, which might require IV antibiotics
  - c. The risk of anesthesia, which might include nausea, vomiting, or, in rare circumstances, even death
  - d. Blood clots may form and go to the lungs, resulting in death or requiring a blood thinner

- Risks specific to D&C:
- a. Damage to the bladder, which might require further surgery
  - b. Perforation of the uterus (making a hole in the uterus). This could require further surgery or even a hysterectomy, which would affect your ability to have children.

Although this list of risks and side-effects is fairly extensive, it is not all-inclusive. It is not possible to predict all outcomes in the field of medicine.

Risks and Consequences unique to the patient: \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternative Treatments:**  
In some cases of abnormal bleeding, when pregnancy is not suspected, an office procedure called an endometrial biopsy can be performed. You should discuss this in detail with your physician.

When a D&C is being done for an abnormal pregnancy, sometimes an alternative would be to wait and see. It is possible that the uterus will expel all the products on its own without having to have a D&C.

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**I understand the above information. I have been given a chance to ask questions and have had them answered to my satisfaction.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have seen a film entitled "Diagnostic Dilation & Curettage" (D&C) by Milner-Fenwick (OB-88), on the above procedure

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the following booklet, on the above procedure:  
\_\_\_\_ *Dilation and Curettage* (D&C) (ACOG - APO62)

**By my signature, I state I have been given adequate information to make an informed decision and, therefore, do consent to have a D&C.**

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Patient's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Physician's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**By my signature, I state I have been given adequate information to make an informed decision and REFUSE to have a D&C.**

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Reason

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Patient's Signature

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Date

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Physician's Signature

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Date

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