

# Consent for Removal of Intrauterine Device



I am requesting to have my intrauterine device (IUD) or intrauterine system (IUS) taken out today.

It is my responsibility to notify my physician if I think I may be pregnant. Removal of the IUD/IUS with pregnancy may cause a miscarriage.

I understand that rapidly after an IUD/IUS has been removed, most people return to their preinsertion fertility rate; therefore, I should use another method of birth control right away if I don't want to get pregnant. I know that I may get another method of my choice from this clinic.

I have been advised that the following is the procedure used for removal: After placing a speculum, the physician will grasp the IUD strings with an instrument and provide gentle traction to remove it. In some cases, removal may be difficult, or discomfort may occur. Removal may be associated with some pain, bleeding, or vasovagal reactions (for example, fainting or a seizure in an epileptic patient). The cramping or pain may continue for a short time afterward, and can be managed with simple analgesics (e.g. ibuprofen or acetaminophen) or topical heat packs.

If removal is complex or the IUD is unable to be completely removed, I may require an ultrasound or I may be referred to another physician to have it removed.

I understand that I should return to the clinic, hospital emergency room or doctor's office at once, if I start having any of the following: foul vaginal discharge, pelvic pain, or fever.

**A nurse and/or doctor talked with me and gave me written information about the IUD removal. I understand that information and choose to proceed with having my IUD removed today.**