

Informed Consent to Telemedicine Consultation

I understand the following:

1. The purpose is to assess and treat my medical condition.
2. The telemedicine consult is done through a two-way video link-up whereby the physician or other health provider at Texas Center for Digestive Health can see my image on the screen and/or hear my voice. However, unlike a traditional medical consult, the physician or other health provider does not have the use of the other senses such as touch or smell; and it may not be equal to a face-to-face visit.
3. Since the telemedicine consultants practice in a different location and do not have the opportunity to meet with me face-to-face, they must rely on information provided by me or my onsite healthcare providers. Texas Center for Digestive Health and affiliated telemedicine consultants can not be responsible for advice, recommendations and/or decisions based on incomplete or inaccurate information provided by me or others.
4. I can ask questions and seek clarification of the procedures and telemedicine technology.
5. I can ask that the telemedicine exam and/or videoconference be stopped at any time.
6. I know there are potential risks with the use of this new technology. These include but are not limited to:
 - Interruption of the audio/video link.
 - Disconnection of the audio/video link
 - A picture that is not clear enough to meet the needs of the consultation
 - Electronic tampering. If any of these risks occur, the procedure might need to be stopped.
7. The consultation may be viewed by medical and non-medical persons for evaluation, informational, research, educational, quality, or technical purposes.
8. I understand I can make a complaint of my provider to the Texas Medical Board by going online at <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/place-a-complaint> or calling the Complaint Hotline at 800-201-9353.

Patient Signature: (COMPLETED ON SIGNATURE PAGE)