

Procedure: ParaGard® IUD Insertion

Alternatives: 1. Mirena IUS 2. Vasectomy / Bilateral Tubal Ligation
3. Oral Contraceptives 4. Condoms / Diaphragm 5. Other methods as
discussed by nurse and/or doctor

Benefits:

- Provides contraception without the use of hormones.
- It prevents pregnancy with a relatively low failure rate (approximately 0.8 % per year)

Side-effects and Risks:

- A small possibility of making a hole in the uterus (perforation) and even smaller possibility of injury to adjacent organs.
- If the IUD fails and you get pregnant, there is a greater risk of having a tubal pregnancy, which can be a life-threatening condition.
- A small possibility of having a uterine/tubal infection. This infection could potentially lead to blockage of the tubes and infertility. Sometimes, this infection could require hospitalization.
- A small possibility of expulsion of the IUD from the uterus.
- Probably, increased menstrual flow and increased menstrual pain.
- Commonly, irregular bleeding in the first three months. This resolves most of the time.
- Commonly, a change in the character of your vaginal discharge.
- You may occasionally get low grade abdominal cramping.

If you experience abdominal pain with fever you must promptly call our office.

I HAVE READ ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND THE PROVIDED BOOKLET. I UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION AND THE PHYSICIAN HAS ANSWERED ALL OF MY QUESTIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT I CAN STILL GET PREGNANT. **IF I SUSPECT THAT I AM PREGNANT I WILL DO A PREGNANCY TEST AND CALL THE OFFICE IF IT IS POSITIVE.**

Patient: _____ Signature: _____ Date _____

Physician: _____ Witness: _____ Date _____