

## Consent form for HALO Breast Pap Test

Breast cancer is a significant health issue for women. Some important statistics are:

- 1 in 8 women is expected to develop breast cancer during her lifetime
- Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death for women between the ages of 20-59
- 8 out of 9 women who develop breast cancer do not have an affected mother, sister or daughter with the disease
- 97% of breast cancer starts in the milk ducts
- 70% of women who develop breast cancer have no identifiable risk factors other than age

Like the pap smear, which has substantially reduced the cervical cancer death rate in this country, this test will look for cellular abnormalities in your breasts. The test takes five minutes to complete and is noninvasive. A combination of warmth, compression, and mild vacuum is used to collect fluid from the breasts. Most women report no discomfort or mild discomfort during the test. I believe this is an important test to help understand your risk of breast cancer, as well as providing us our best chance of developing a successful care path if your test shows any abnormalities. The HALO test does not replace the mammogram and self-exam, but rather provides another piece of the puzzle to help identify high-risk women. Unlike the mammogram, which is not recommended until age 35 to 40, the HALO pap test is available for women as young as 25.

Like any other test or procedure, it may rarely involve risks or complications. Less than 1% of the time a minimal amount of bleeding may occur from the nipple or areola, especially in women with inverted nipples or especially sensitive skin. Women with breast implants should note that over 30,000 HALO tests have been performed with zero ruptures reported. The HALO will not be performed until you have any questions answered. You have the right to consent to or refuse this test. If you request to terminate this procedure prior to its completion you will be required to pay \$40.00 for the cost of supplies which were used.

Your signature below acknowledges that you authorize and consent to this test. The cost of the Breast Pap Test is \$80.00. If your test produces fluid, which is the case about 50% of the time, the specimen will be sent to the lab for analysis by the pathologist. You will be responsible for any lab fees not covered by your insurance company. If you do not have insurance, the cash rate for this analysis is \$75.00 per specimen.

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Patient's Signature

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Date

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Witness's Signature

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