

IRC hemorrhoid cauterization is a non-surgical treatment for hemorrhoids. It is generally recommended for hemorrhoids which have not responded to more conservative methods, but which are not severe enough to warrant surgical hemorrhoidectomy.

Please be aware that the cauterization procedure is not always (100%) effective. It usually makes hemorrhoids smaller, usually stops or reduces bleeding, and usually decreases pain and itching. If it is not fully effective in your case, retreatment or referral for hemorrhoid surgery may still be needed in the future.

IRC PREPARATION:

- 1. Take two Fleets Enemas (not mineral oil enemas) one hour before leaving your home. You may purchase these at you local drug store.**
- 2. If you are having your procedure at OSE you will be given an intravenous sedative, so you will need a driver and you can not eat or drink anything after midnight the night before.**
- 3. If you are having the procedure at the doctors office you will not need to do step #2 only follow step #1.**

LOCATION _____ DATE _____

DOCTOR _____ TIME _____