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CONSENT TO OBSTETRICAL TREATMENT

The goal of obstetrics is that every pregnancy be wanted and culminated in a healthy mother and a healthy baby. Advances in medicine have reduced some of the risks of injury and death, but especially in obstetrics there is no guarantee of a successful outcome. Your baby may suffer serious problems at birth because of natural processes and complications that are beyond your control, the control of your physician, and the control of the hospital where you plan your delivery.

During your pregnancy, your doctor may recommend limitations on your activities, may refer you to other physicians, or recommend hospitalization during your pregnancy or labor which may require prompt delivery of your baby. Drugs are available to stimulate labor, instruments called forceps may be used and delivery by cesarean section may be recommended. Each of these procedures involves substantial and significant risk.

YOU SHOULD DISCUSS WITH YOUR DOCTOR ANY PROPOSED TREATMENT AND OTHER ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE TO YOU AND MAKE SURE YOUR QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED. IT IS YOUR RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO SHARE IN ALL DECISIONS ABOUT THE CARE YOU WILL RECEIVE.

Our office policy is to include an HIV (AIDS) screen with your prenatal blood work. You do have the right to refuse this testing. Please mark "yes" if you consent to have the testing done and sign the attached consent form. Please mark "no" if you don't want the testing done. Please initial your choice. This will be billed to you separately by the hospital lab.

_____ YES _____
initial

_____ NO _____
initial

Should an emergency arise, the availability of hospital anesthesia and surgery personnel may affect how quickly your baby can be delivered. In the hospital where your delivery is planned, anesthesia and surgery personnel are not present but are available on an "on call" basis 24 hours a day. Past experience has shown that in most cases an emergency delivery CAN be accomplished within 30 minutes after notification or personnel. You have the option of planning your delivery at a facility where anesthesia and surgery personnel are present at all times or are more immediately available, but it may be necessary for you to incur the inconvenience of planning your delivery in another community with another physician.

I have read and understand this document and authorize and accept the proposed care regardless of the risk. By signing this document you acknowledge that there are substantial risks to both mother and child in the childbirth process and that there can be no guarantee of a successful outcome.

Dated this _____ day of _____, _____.

Witness

Patient